

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
Worship Bulletin for second Tuesday of Lent: March 15, 2022

Welcome to Worship and Wonder!

Opening music: Open the eyes of my heart

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You; I want to see You (Repeat these two lines);**

To see You high and lifted up Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy, holy, holy

(Repeat)

**Holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to see you
Holy, holy, holy**

Prayer

Music: "Creator, I love you"

Creator, I love you; I praise you; I adore you; Glorify your name in all the earth
Glorify your name; Glorify your name; Glorify your name in all the earth
Jesus, I love you; I praise you; I adore you; Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify your name; Glorify your name; Glorify your name in all the earth
Spirit, I love you; I praise you; I adore you; Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify your name; Glorify your name; Glorify your name in all the earth

Prayer

Sacred Story: John 13:21-38 and John 14

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do."

²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” ³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me^[e] for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep^[f] my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[g] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in^[h] you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[i] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Footnotes

- a. [John 14:1](#) Or *You believe*
- b. [John 14:2](#) Or *If it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you*
- c. [John 14:4](#) Other ancient authorities read *Where I am going you know, and the way you know*
- d. [John 14:7](#) Other ancient authorities read *If you had known me, you would have known*
- e. [John 14:14](#) Other ancient authorities lack *me*
- f. [John 14:15](#) Other ancient authorities read *me, keep*
- g. [John 14:16](#) Or *Helper*
- h. [John 14:17](#) Or *among*
- i. [John 14:26](#) Or *Helper*

Music: Precious LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

A Time of Wondering and Reflection

Music: Precious LORD

When my way grows drear Precious Lord, linger near
When my light is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on

A Time of Prayer

Final song: How Great is our God (*Underline = repeat)

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty Let all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God
Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb

Final Blessing

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

MUSIC LEADER – Joan Virga