

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

Worship Bulletin for fifth Tuesday of Lent: April 5, 2022

Welcome to Worship and Wonder!

Opening music: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator Family all are we.
Let me walk with my neighbor In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment And live each moment
With peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Prayer

Music: #290 *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*

1 Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Prayer

Sacred Story: John 17

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people,^[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you

gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that^[b] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,^[c] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.^[d] ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.^[e] ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[f] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Footnotes

- a. [John 17:2](#) Gk *flesh*
- b. [John 17:12](#) Other ancient authorities read *protected in your name those whom*
- c. [John 17:12](#) Gk *except the son of destruction*
- d. [John 17:13](#) Or *among themselves*
- e. [John 17:15](#) Or *from evil*
- f. [John 17:21](#) Other ancient authorities read *be one in us*

Music: #472 *Precious Lord*

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm 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: #472 *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: *Heart of Worship*

When the music fades All is stripped away And I simply come
Longing just to bring Something that's of worth That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song For a song in itself Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

**Refrain: I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about you
It's all about you, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you; It's all about you, Jesus.**

King of endless worth; No one could express How much you deserve;
Though I'm weak and poor All I have is yours Every single breath
I'll bring you more than a song For a song in itself Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within; Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Refrain (repeat)

Final Blessing