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Order of Worship

10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

GATHERING MUSIC

Robin Bower

Our gathering music will begin in the moments before worship. This will give you the opportunity for prepare for worship, and to make any adjustments to volume on your computers or devices as needed.

You may also wish to have some bread and wine/juice – or bagel and coffee, or some other food and drink – ready ahead of time, so that we can commune together during the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME!

Pastor Jason

CENTERING MUSIC FOR LENT (*in unison*)

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near. (2x)

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

Adapted from Rev. Cindy Worthington-Berry

When we can't be in the same room together.

Touch us with your love, O God of life!

When we must keep six feet apart.

Touch us with your love, O God of life!

When we aren't even supposed to touch our own faces.

Touch us with your love, O God of life!

Help us to feel your presence.

Touch us with your love, O God of life!

OPENING HYMN (*in unison*) **“Wake Now My Senses”**

Tune: Slane (Be Now My Vision); hymn by Thomas J. S. Mikelson

**Wake, now my senses, and hear the earth call;
Feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep, with the web of creation your vow,
Giving, receiving, as love shows us how.**

**Wake, now my reason, reach out to the new,
Join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
Honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
Suffer your limit, and praise the sublime.**

**Wake, now compassion, give heed to the cry;
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.**

**Wake, now my conscience, with justice your guide;
Join with all people whose rights are denied;
Take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.**

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*in unison*)

Pastor Jason

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to despair and hopelessness, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life. Forgive us for doubting your power. Forgive us for wanting to limit you and not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

“Come out,” Jesus calls to us as he called to Lazarus, and His word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins.

May God's name always be praised from our lips! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

WE MEET AT CHRIST'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Jason

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Jason

UNISON COMMUNION SONG “As We Gather at Your Table,” v. 1

As we gather at your table, as we listen to Your Word,
Helps us know, O God, your presence, let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet, how to make Love's victory known.

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Jesus used the ordinary food of his time to remind his friends of their unity with him and their covenant with God. As you partake of your own simple food and drink, you are invited to remember Christ's love and forgiveness, to give thanks for his sacrifice, and to ponder your part in God's unfolding world.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendor of creation, and for the mission of justice that you have made our own. Help us to remember the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. Amen.

ANTHEM “Thy Word” by Amy Grant & Michael Smith Dawn Pixley, vocals and keyboard

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*one / many*)

Pastor Jason

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors in the spirit of Christ's love and peace by sharing messages of peace in the comments in our broadcast on Facebook Live.

SUNG RESPONSE “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, in community
Let us walk with each other 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, in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11: 1-45

Pastor Jason

MESSAGE

“Wrestling With Lazarus”

Pastor Jason

HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, where I 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.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near.
When my life is almost gone.
Hear me cry, hear me call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the shadows appear, and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone.
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Jason

During our prayer time today, you will be asked to lift prayers aloud from your own space, or by sharing them as comments in our broadcast. We will not be able to read them during our service, but know that God hears them, always.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

Pastor Jason

Our giving today, and our gratitude to God, cannot be shared in person. But, after worship, you are invited to go online to make your gift supporting the ministries of this

church. You may do this at henriettaucc.org, scrolling down to the “Online Donation” button on the right hand side. Gifts may also be mailed to the church. We invite you as well to pick up the phone and reach out to someone who may be feeling alone and forgotten, or to let the pastors know of any special pastoral needs. In this difficult time, your support is more crucial than ever to our ministries of welcome and inclusion.

*** SONG OF PRAISE** (*in unison*)

Tune: No. 809

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace, who blesses every time and place, whose Christ shows every person’s worth, whose Spirit gives us all new birth!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Let us pray together. . .*)

Most Holy God, Spirit of Life, we breathe our lives upon these gifts that they may be become a fertile plain of green life and strengthened hope for all who live in the struggle of our times. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

*** SENDING HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

SENDING MUSIC

Robin Bower

**WE RETURN TO THE WORLD
RENEWED AND EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT**

As our worship ends, our service begins.

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