

**GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, February 18, 2024 | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

**Prelude**

solo piano, Hal

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, “You are my beloved, and I love you.”

**Many: We, too, are God’s beloved children, loved and embraced.**

One: With all the voices reminding us that we are not enough or don’t belong, it is tempting to forget our place in God’s Kindom.

**Many: With the waters of baptism and the voice of God’s promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or desert that would draw us away from the Source of our hope.**

One: Embrace your belovedness.

**Many: We rejoice in God’s unending love for us!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri #36**

*Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Hymn: #63 (Songs of Spirit)** All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Scripture**

Genesis 9:8-17

Shelly Jungwirth

**Anthem**

“The Power of the Cross” by Keith Getty and Stuart Towend

**Sermon**

A Covenant-making God

Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

**A Time of Silence**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Abundant God, receive these gifts of love from your servants and use them for the breaking in of your Kindom of love and light. In the name of Jesus, whose way calls us forth in service, we pray. Amen.**

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

**\*Hymn: #S-23 (Songs of Spirit)**

Touch the Earth Lightly

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever.



**\*Hymn: #S-2 (Songs of Spirit)**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**\*Benediction**

**\*Musical Benediction #334 (Songs of Spirit), Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name, verse 2**  
Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day;  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.

**Postlude**

solo organ, Hal

**Our Church’s Wider Mission:** As we support Our Church’s Wider Mission, we lift up the work of the people of Inba Illam, the Happy Home in India, who have many stories to share. The transition period of the residents is filled with joy and happiness, partly because of the prayers and the involvement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ. Inba Illam meets the needs of the residents, such as food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, staying active, and recreation. Inba Illam is a place that changes the lives of people who once had heartbreaking stories. Your support of this great work helps the residents of Inba Illam to lead a life of peace, happiness, harmony, and tranquility.

**PARISH NEWS:**

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is Sunday, March 10

**Scripture Readers:** We need scripture readers for Sunday worship. Please sign at the passthrough in Fellowship Hall.

**Lenten Reading:** *The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don't Want to Know about Each Other*, By Raja Khouri and Jeffrey Wilkinson. Discussion held on 3 Thursday evenings beginning at Feb 29 at 7pm, in-person and online.

**Join the Vermont Poor People's Campaign:** At the statehouse on **Saturday, March 2nd 2024** at 10 am, as Vermont joins 30+ states for this nationwide, simultaneous day of mass action: **Mass Poor and Low Wage-Workers' Statehouse Assemblies and to the Polls!** We will be joining with thousands of others: poor and low-wealth people, people of faith, advocates, organizations, and more, in one coalition, calling on our state and federal governments to address the interlocking injustices of poverty, racism, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the distorted moral narrative of Christian nationalism. Contact Ed if you want to go or you would like more information.

**Peace Vigil:** Wednesday mornings from 7:45- 8:30 am at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

**GUCC Directory:** Have an edit? Send it to [greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com)!

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:**

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am      ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm  
☉ Tai Chi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am      ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm

**Migrant Justice:** Feb 24, 5-9:30 pm, FH

**NEK Shape Note Singers:** Feb 25, 2:30-5:30 pm, FH

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

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**To Our Visitors**

*If you are new among us, welcome!  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on  
life's journey, you are welcome here.  
You are invited to become a part of our life together.  
Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,  
and we hope you feel this  
Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,  
filling out a green pew card, and joining us in  
fellowship following the service  
May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.*

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

**Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional**

- *Stay home if you are ill (even a little)*
- *Distance from others around you*