

**GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

**Prelude**

Sonata 1 in F Major by Giuseppe Sammartini (1693-1770), Allegro

Sonia Dunbar and Gina Jenkins, recorders, Tom Anastasio, gamba, Hal, harpsichord

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

**Many: What does the call require?**

One: Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

**Many: We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.**

One: Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

**Many: We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. Amen.**

**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: #204** (*New Century Hymnal*) "Take Up Your Cross" the Savior Said

**Scripture**

Mark 8:31-38

Nancy Hill

**Anthem**

"I Gaze upon the Wondrous Cross" by Tom Eggleston

**Sermon**

Losing and Saving

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**

**Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow.**

**May the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn: #493** (*New Century Hymnal*)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

**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: #198** (*New Century Hymnal*)

Lift High the Cross

**\*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** Sonata 1 in F Major by Giuseppe Sammartini (1693-1770), Adagio, Allegro

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**Our Church's Wider Mission:** As we support Our Church's Wider Mission, we lift up the work of the Ecumenical Foundation for Integral Development, Capacity Building, and Education (FEDICE) in Ecuador, doing good work in their communities even within this entire situation of insecurity and unrest that their country is experiencing. One project they support is "WIÑAY MASHIKUNA" (women growing up), a group of 10 families from the community of Gualacata, Otavalo. FEDICE supports "WIÑAY MASHIKUNA" in their agriculture projects, raising small animals and a community fund and helping women scale up their businesses for greater economic security.

**PARISH NEWS:**

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

**Early Music Sunday:** Thanks to our guest musicians today!

**Happy Anniversary Hal!** This week was the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hal Parker joining our family as the music director. He joined us in mid February of 2010 and we are happy and grateful that he did. We are fortunate to have you leading us in song and music and sharing your music talents with us. The choir especially appreciates your kindness and patience with us and your willingness to expand our skills. Love from all of us at GUCC

**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.

**Poetry and Prose for Peace:** Join Peter Gould and Rural Arts Collaborative for a celebration of storytelling March 2, 2 pm in FH. We'll be back from Montpelier in time for this. Come find inspiration and hear others' stories!

**Greensboro Free Library Annual Chili Dinner:** Friday March 15, from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall, dinner by donation. Take the chill out of winter!

**Save the Date:** "Just Getting By: A Day In the Life" a documentary on Vermonters struggling with food and housing insecurity, Highland Center for the Arts April 4 at 7 pm.

**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 [greensborochurchdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurchdirectory@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

**Lenten Book Study:** Feb 29, 7- 8 pm, Library

**Writing Workshop with Rural Arts Collective:** March 2, 2-8:30, FH

**Greensboro Historical Society Meeting:** March 3, 1-5 pm, FH

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

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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*