



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

12 March 2023 – 10:30 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE	<i>Waters of March</i> Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano	Antonio Jobim
WELCOME		The Rev. David Pattee, pastor
*GATHERING SONG	Now I walk in beauty. Beauty is before me. Beauty is behind me, above and below me.	Navajo Traditional
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Ingrid Parker, liturgist
One:	O come, let us sing to God;	
All:	Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!	
One:	In God's love is a fountain of eternal life.	
All:	In the waters of God's righteousness there is joy everlasting.	
*HYMN	[refrain] Wade in the water, wade in the water children, Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.	
	Spoke and divided the sea in two - God's gonna trouble the water. Allowin' all the people to pass on through - God's gonna trouble the water. [refrain]	
	Look over yonder, what do I see? - God's gonna trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-comin' on me - God's gonna trouble the water. [refrain]	
	You got a life and you got a soul - God's gonna trouble the water. You got a savior and he knows that you're whole - God's gonna trouble the water. [refrain]	
*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS		
	Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven: May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe. May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small. And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us. Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.	
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS		
*GREETING OF PEACE		

SCRIPTURE	<i>Exodus 17:1-7 • John 4:5-15</i>	Ingrid Parker
ANTHEM	<i>Our Lady of the Well</i>	Jackson Browne
SERMON	<i>Come to the Water</i> <u>John 4:5-15</u>	Pastor Dave
MEDITATION	Songs & Prayers from Taizé	
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.		
Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta. Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.		

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY		
Invitation	www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving	
Offertory Music	<i>Come to the Water</i>	John Foley

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN

**As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 And who should wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.**

[refrain] **O (sisters/brothers/children) let's go down. Let's go down, a-come on down!**
O (sisters/brothers/children) let's go down, down to the river to pray.

**As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 And who should wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. [refrain]**

**As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 And who should wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. [refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Take Me to the River</i>	Al Green
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Exodus 17:1-7

17From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

John 4:5-15

5So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'