

# Grace United Church of Christ

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Worship



*Calling Disciples, He Qi*

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, January 17, 2021  
Worship

*We Gather*

Prelude

"Father, We Praise Thee",  
from the Paris Antiphoner (1681), Lani Smith      Jonas Dawson

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: Come, People of God! Come from the easy security of your now, to the uncertain course of tomorrow.

**P: We come and we go, not knowing what tomorrow will bring.**

L: Come, in the face of circumstance that frightens and intimidates; Come and sing praise to God; Declare God's saving grace to the world.

**P: We come and we go, in praise and proclamation. Praise the Lord!**

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

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1) Amazing grace

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind, but now I see

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

(Refrain) My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

3) The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
(refrain) My chains are gone  
I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

Opening Prayer

***We Listen***

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62 Reflection

Love Never Leaves by Kelly Ann Hall

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Special Music

"Be Thou My Vision",  
Irish Folk Melody, arr. Mark Hayes

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Children's Message

Sermon

The Best Gift Ever!

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

***We Respond***

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***We are Sent***

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

NCH #448 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"March (on a theme by Saint-Saëns)",  
George Blake, edited by Carson Cooman

Jonas Dawson

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# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.



Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.  
Justin H. Knecht, 1797  
Alternate tune: HENDON



## Living Psalm 139 – Epiphany 2 – Year B

### Living Psalms Book

*Psalms in the form of words and art, reborn in the specific contexts of our world, privileging the voices of historically marginalized communities and those acting in solidarity with them.*

### Living Psalm 139–Epiphany 2 B

It's something, isn't it,  
to imagine being known  
so thoroughly  
that the pain you hold  
is understood without you  
having to say a single word,  
without you having to testify  
about your decision from last year  
or ten years ago or yesterday,  
when you said the thing that led  
to the other thing that brought you  
so low you thought you'd never be known  
for more than the pain that crystallized  
around your hopes and your heart?  
It's something, isn't it,  
to believe in One  
who isn't afraid of your broken parts  
or ugly deeds or the cowardice

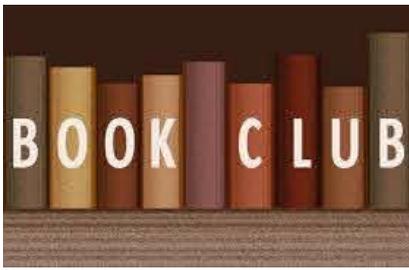
or the fear or the anger or the  
hundred other ways you have tried  
to make yourself disappear  
when you felt unworthy  
of a great and abiding love  
and had persuaded yourself  
that forgiveness was beyond reach  
and grace, an undeserved gift?  
It's something, isn't it,  
to be loved by God,  
to be both fearfully  
and wonderfully made  
just as you are –  
not happier, not a work in progress,  
or with fewer secrets or scars –  
but just you, as you are,  
welcome at the table?

**Living Psalm 139 for Epiphany 2 B** was written by Maria Mankin.

**Living Psalms Book** is created by **UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group**, a Network of UCC connected artists, activists and ministers bridging the worship and liturgy of the local church with witness and action in the community. Editor, Maren Tirabassi.

*Logo* is detail from **Living Psalm 80** by Sophia Beardemphl, Redwoods, CA. Recovering from significant bullying, Sophia, age nine, read Psalm 80 and thought of brokenness that needs mending. She drew this broken and mended bowl.

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## Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

**Wednesdays @ 7PM**  
*every Wednesday at 7pm*

*Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind,  
or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit.*

### **Message from Missy Moxley as of 1/22/2021**

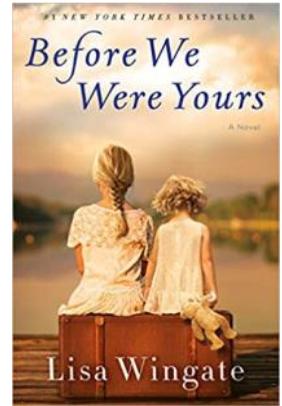
Read through Chapter 19 for Wednes, 1/27/2021.

### **Message from Missy Moxley as of 1/14/2021**

The book club will be reading through Chapter 12 for next Wednesday, 1/20/21.

### **Message from Missy Moxley as of 1/7/2021**

The book club chose ***Before We Were Yours*** by Lisa Wingate as our next reading selection. "This novel is based on one of the most notorious scandals in American history. This was the real-life story of how Georgia Tann used her position as the director of an adoption organization in Memphis to kidnap and sell poor children to rich families all over the United States. Lisa Wingate's novel *Before We Were Yours* is a wrenching yet uplifting tale about the many paths life can lead to and how the heart never forgets where it really belongs."



We will be **reading through Chapter 6 and meet via Zoom next Wednesday, January 13** at 7pm for discussion. Please forward this information to anyone else who you think might be interested (this group is opened to everyone, not just our church congregation).

Here is the recurring Zoom link for Wednesday's meeting, which is also on our church website, [grucc.com](http://grucc.com), and Facebook page.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119460232?pwd=ZHlPMHdFUzdsVzFnT0VwVDBkdjJwQT09>

Questions? Contact Missy Moxley at: [nehoneybee@gmail.com](mailto:nehoneybee@gmail.com) or Doris Moxley at: [Dorismoxley@gmail.com](mailto:Dorismoxley@gmail.com)

Please Email the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to be added to the list for email notices. Look for your all church email or check the church website for zoom link.



Every Wednesday

7-8:30PM

Small Groups Evening

Begins February 3rd!

Join us each Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM for our new small groups evening we are calling ***Wonderful Wednesdays!*** Every Wednesday, you are invited to join us for a small group that meets your interest. What groups will there be? That's up to you? A book group is already going strong. What ideas do you have? Let us know and we will create the space for you!

#### **A FEW IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE SMALL GROUPS:**

~**knit night** ~Moms of young children ~**singles**

~**Men's/Women's group** ~Lent/Advent Bible studies

~**Prayer/meditation circle** ~**LGBT** ~**young adults**

~**DIETERS** (for us who put the "19" in Covid-19!!!)

~**Fellowship Hour** (nothing planned, just come hang out and chat!)

How can you get involved? **SHARE YOUR SMALL GROUP IDEAS.**

Let us know if you have interest and we will create the room you need!

All you do each Wednesday is join us in the Zoom chat and choose the room you want to join!

Join us for ***Wonderful*** WEDNESDAYS starting February 3rd at 7 PM!

Contact Pastor Rob at [pastorrob@grucc.com](mailto:pastorrob@grucc.com)

or Sarah Petermann at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)



Grace United Church of Christ

Winter

Mission Project

*Coats*



*& Socks*

**DRIVE**



**Please donate:**

- \* **New or gently used men's and women's coats**
- \* **New socks (unisex, white or black)**
- \* **Other warm articles of clothing**

Collection box will be outside on Sunday mornings and  
M-F: 10AM to 3PM at the west-side door (left side of church).

Questions? Contact [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com).



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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