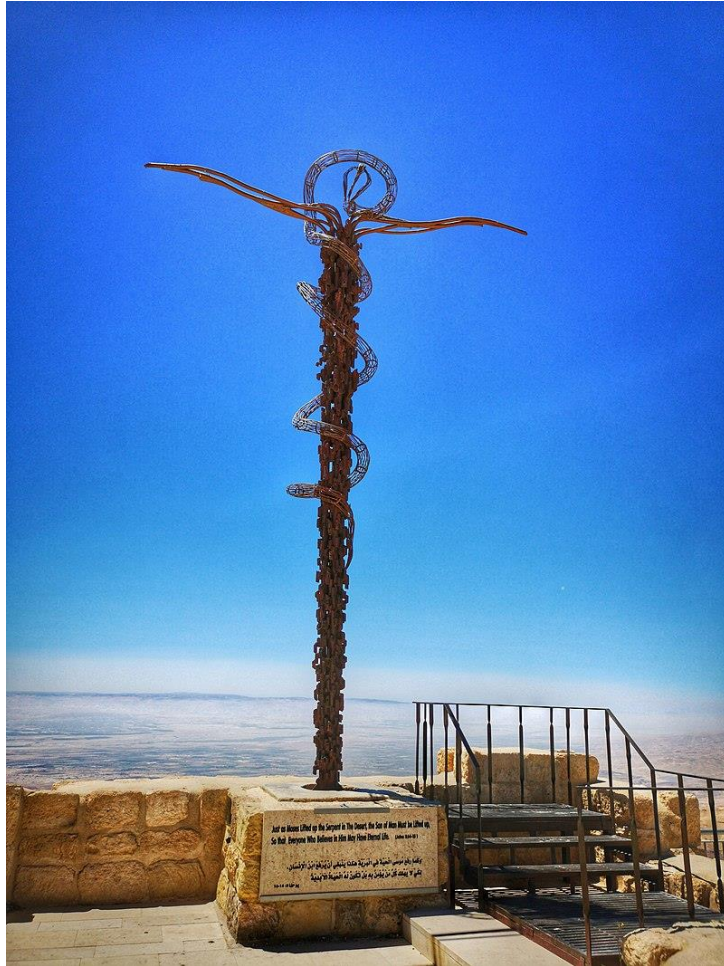


# UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANCOCK

## Open and Affirming of ALL God's Children



### Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen (TNCH #846, adapted)

**Welcome** Rev.TJ Mack

**Special Music**    *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Arr. Parks

**Message**

Rev. TJ Mack

**Hymn**        *We are One in the Spirit*

red hymnal #386

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

### **Call to Confession**

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light. Let us uncover our transgressions before the liberating light of Christ.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our unrighteous ways before the light of your grace. Heal us and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys & Concerns

### Pastoral/Community Prayers

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Lead Me Lord*

*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

### Offering

Welcoming our Tithes and Offerings –

TNCH #844, adapted

Leader: All good gifts come from you, O God. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts to one another.

**Offertory**     *A Garden Prayer*

Raybold

*The Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heav'nly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

**Prayer of Dedication (spoken in unison, but muted, please)**

**All: Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love. Amen**

**Hymn**     *Let All Things Now Living*

red hymnal #529

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God  
divine.*

*We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: “To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”*

**Benediction – (spoken in unison, unmuted)**

**May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the light of the Spirit bless you and keep you in the way of truth. Amen**

**Postlude**

*Rigaudon*

Lasky

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