

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANCOCK

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Transfiguration Sunday February 14, 2021

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Silent Prayer

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Prelude

Prelude in F

Corelli

Welcome

Rev. TJ Mack

Introit

Spirit of the Living God

red hymnal #281

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Passing of the Peace (ASL)

Lighting of the Peace Candle & Prayer for Peace

Statement by Oscar A. Romero – El Salvadoran archbishop – in our red hymnal near #512

Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contributions of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and duty.

Call to Worship (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

Leader: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Children's Hymn – *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

red hymnal #512

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Invocation (spoken in unison, but muted, please)

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel:

Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

Children's Message "Wherever You Are my love will find you" written by Nancy Tillman

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

New Testament Reading Mark 9:2-9

Special Music *Litany* Schubert

Message – Rev. TJ Mack

Hymn *Forward Through the Ages (vs. 1 & 3)* red hymnal # 482

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.*

Refrain:

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.*

Refrain

Installation of Lay Leaders

Greeting and Introduction

One: This morning, we raise up and celebrate the diverse gifts of our members in the life of the church. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

One: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

All: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

One: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

All: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

One: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

Presentation and Covenant

One: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

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One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve, with the help of God?

Individuals: I am.

One: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Individuals: I do, relying on God's grace.

One: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us express our intention to live in covenant with them, with these words of affirmation.

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you so that together we may be a faithful community.

One: Let us pray. Eternal god, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

All: Amen

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of the Union Congregational Church of Hancock, of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce that you are installed in your respective positions. To each of you, we extend our hearts and hands in Christian love.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral/Community Prayers

... for the family and friends of 22-year-old Jessob Hayward of Gouldsboro, 18-year-old Lucas Pottle of Steuben, and Tanner Thibault, 17, of Gouldsboro, all perished one week ago Saturday night in an automobile crash.

... for the family and friends of Patricia Gardner Edwards, Gary's mother, who died peacefully on Feb. 8 at Courtland Manor. Pat was blessed with 95 years of a rich and full life. Share a memory or two with Gary and Jeanne by card or phone or email.

... for our country and our world, that we may all work toward the common goal of peace while ensuring the inherent worth and dignity of all persons;

... for Clayton as he recovers and heals from his radiation regimen; ... for Graham and Joey and Morgan; ... for Kim and her dad Jeff; ... for Nancy in Ellsworth; ... for Peter recovering from surgery and Rose caring for him; ... for Kathy H. and her mom & dad; ... Betty's step-daughter Molly; ... Eleanor's step-children Holly and Angus; ... Vicky; ... Edie; ... Gertrude; ... Andrew and his family; ... Marcia and Kenny; ... Danny & Clementine; ... and all those held in your heart.

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

Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River

Arr. Wood

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)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Hymn *Come Living God when Least Expected* (vs. 1 & 2)

red hymnal #4

*Come, living God, when least expected, when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharp 'ning word and warm affection revealing truths as yet untold.*

*Break from the tomb in which we hide you to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you to resurrect our lifeless praise.*

*Come now, as once you came to Moses within the bush alive with flame,
or to Elijah on the mountain, by silence pressing home your claim.*

*So, let our minds be sharp to read you in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbors, in ardent youth or mellow age.*

Benediction – (spoken in unison, unmuted)

The very face of God shines upon **us** with beauty, blessing, and peace. **Alleluia!**

Postlude

March

Von Gluck



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