

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE      “Lamb of God”      Frank Martin

INTROIT      “Behold the Lamb of God”      The Iona Community

WELCOME

TIME OF SILENT CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP      Steve Abbott

All creation is a song of praise to God.

**Great Spirit, give me strength to walk the soft earth,  
a relative to all that is.** (Black Elk, Ogala Sioux)

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**Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find  
reserves of strength that will endure.** (Rachel Carson)

All creation is a song of praise to God.

**In God we live and move and having our being.** (Acts 17:28)

\*HYMN      “All Creatures of Our God and King”      No. 22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Through Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.

**Nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

By grace, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE (seated)      “Amazing Grace!”      No. 546 (vv.1,2)

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\* the congregation is invited to stand

**(Bold print designates a collective response.)**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

This local church, and the wider United Church of Christ, recognizes the diverse gifts of its members, and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church. As Paul suggests, “there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit gives them; there are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.”

Some of our members have been called and chosen to serve among us in special ways, in accordance with the faith and order of the church. They have accepted their call, and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

(To the leaders): Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the life of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities to which you have been called, are you prepared to serve in Christ’s name and for the glory of God?

**I am.**

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

**I do, relying on God’s grace.**

(To the congregation): 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 affirm our covenant with them.

**We gather in the joy that is ours as partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, to honor your leadership, and to assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Let us pray:

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. 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. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of this church, I rejoice to announce that you are installed in your respective positions as leaders of this church. Thanks be to God!

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Communion Hymn "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" No. 392

### Communion Prayer

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Gracious God ....

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with your faithful people everywhere:

**God of love, the whole universe speaks of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### Words of Institution

As sisters and brothers in faith, we recall ....

Therefore, when we gather around this table and share this meal, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Prayer of Consecration

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and guide our steps in the ways of peace. Amen.**

(Children and teachers will leave for their classes.)

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34

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SERMON On the Heart

\*HYMN “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

No. 88

### OFFERING

Invitation

Collection of Gifts

Offertory “Ponder This In Your Heart”

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gathering of Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & 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, for ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN “Take My Life”

No. 69 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

- setting by C. Hubert H. Parry

### **A NOTE TO VISITORS**

If you are visiting for the first time, please take a minute at the end of the worship service to fill out a visitor’s card in the pew and sign the guest book at the back of the Sanctuary. After the service, we invite you to enjoy a time of fellowship with refreshments in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

Large-print hymnals and hearing-assisted units are available from ushers.

Nursery care is provided by Carlie Wright in the room off the Fellowship Hall closest to Seymour Street for children up to 3 years of age.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We are always happy to honor your requests for special prayers for persons or situations. Simply speak to one of the Deacons before the service, or else offer the prayers yourself during the “Prayers of the Church”.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Children will attend the first part of the worship service with their parents, and then join their teachers for Church School after the Sacrament of Communion. Teachers and classrooms are listed below:

**Pre-K/K**, Hannah Kraus: Library classroom next to Nursery in Fellowship Hall

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade**, Cindy Marshall: Upstairs to the left in Charter House

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade**, Jill Ruffa: Upstairs to the right in Charter House, last classroom on left

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade**, Steve Abbott: Upstairs to the right in Charter House, classroom in the right corner

**7-9<sup>th</sup> grade**, Alison Joseph: Piano room in Charter House

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Andrew Nagy-Benson, Pastor

Steve Abbott, Lay Reader

Jeff Buettner, Organist

Jessica Allen, Music Director

Tony Preston, Bell Ringer

Alice Munson, TJ Springthorpe, David Manner, Jeff Munroe,  
Ushers

Lauren Turner, Candle lighter

Ben and Hannah Turner, Deacons' assistants

Charlotte Chase, Paige Russell, Greeters

Mike and Ginger Fiskio, Jackie Leach, Fellowship Hour

### **STAFF OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The Rev. Andrew Nagy-Benson, Pastor

Jeff Buettner, Organist

Jessica Allen, Music Director

Elizabeth Bates, Jr. Choir Director

Kristen Andrews, Jr. Handbell Choir Director

Joyce W. Foster, Church Office Manager

Mal Chase, Facilities Manager and Adult Handbell Director

Jennifer Smith, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Carlie Wright, Nursery Care provider

This church regards all persons with equal respect and concern. It is open to and affirming of all persons, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, age, nationality, marital status, or physical, mental, or emotional disability.