

March 4, 2017 Lent 3B

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns
Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)
Response

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts
Offertory:

Hymn of Praise:

"The Doxology"

* Dedication of Our Gifts, Talents and Treasures (Unison)

Our tokens offered here are but symbols of our lives of sacrifice lived every day. May we give ourselves to the world as a holy offering acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE FEAST

Communion Hymn:

"One Bread, One Body"

#393 Chalice hymnal

Celebration of Holy Communion

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn

"Kum ba Yah"

#590 Chalice hymnal

*Benediction

*Response

Organ Postlude:

*Congregation: Please rise in body or in spirit.

Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions. Consider and judge your actions, for they have become your habits. Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values. Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny. Mahatma Gandhi

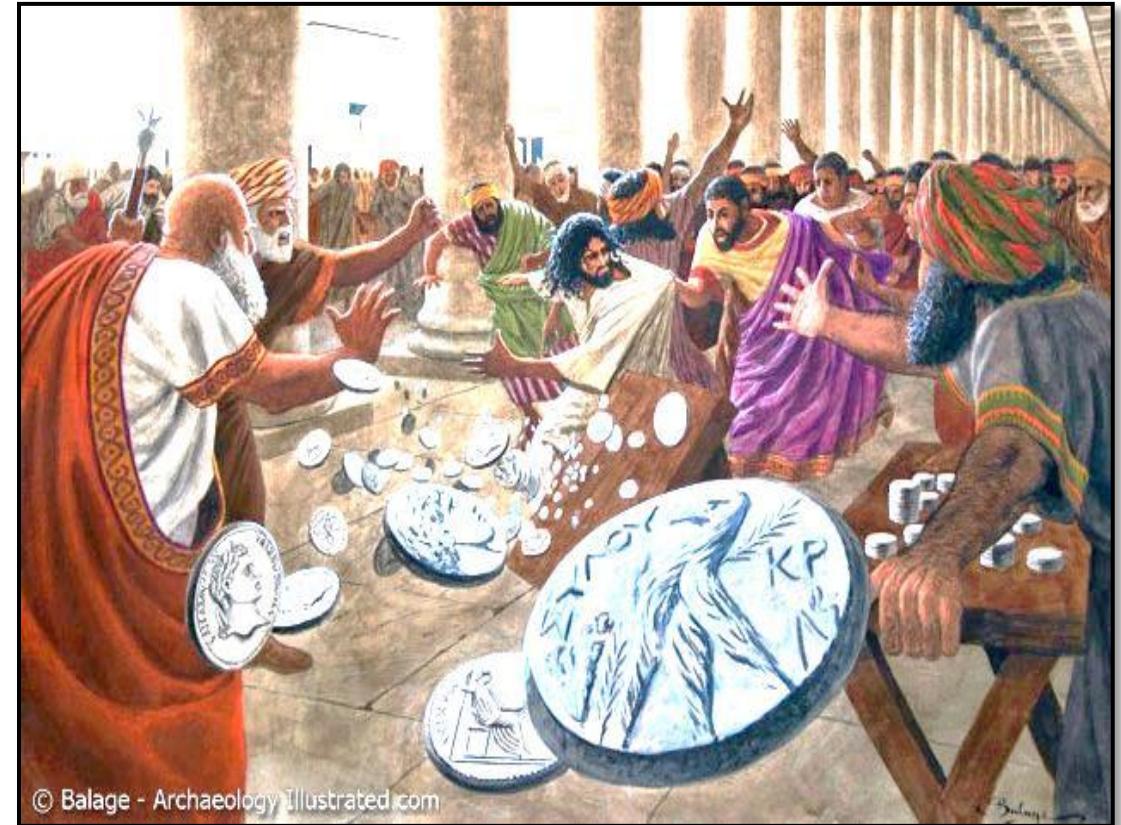
UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 25, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."— C.S. Lewis



Welcome

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP:

L : Our lips sing praise and our whole selves rejoice in the God who makes us free.

All: We gather, recognizing that not all human beings have known this freedom.

L: The divine will was made known in Eden and in Egypt; in Gettysburg and in Cape Town.

All: Born in freedom, redeemed from slavery, our destiny in Christ is liberty.

Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #108 Chalice hymnal

Calling God Into Our Minds, Hearts, and Spirits (Unison as in One Voice)

Thankful are we for all the blessings of this life; love, freedom, bounty and beauty. The joy we know is beyond our words to speak. We can only image the suffering and pain of human slaves, past and present, which yearn from the depths of their souls to know the freedom we enjoy. We celebrate this day the heritage we have in the cause of human freedom. We celebrate this day our spiritual ancestors who worked for the freedom of the Mendi people on the slave ship, Amistad. May that ship, like the cross, remind us of the ever present possibility of human evil. And may that ship, like the cross, remind us of the power of divine love. May we, through divine love, shed the false, un-neighborly, covetous and dishonorable desires of the lives we sometimes live and keep the commandments and walk in the way that brings life. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem "Love Crucified, Arose" by Michael Card

Welcoming of New Member: The Rev Shirley Louise Pudney Eilers

Honoring the Spirit revealed in the paradoxical, will you live the questions of our faith, open to the continuing revelation of our still speaking God?

Discerning strength in vulnerability, do you acknowledge your interdependence and mutual accountability with all of creation? Claiming God's grace abundant in our common life, will you covenant together to cherish inquiry, embrace diversity, and honor vulnerability?

Affirmation of Faith: (with congregation)

Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life? (I believe in God.)

Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church? (I believe in Christ.)

Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life? (I believe in the Spirit.)

Welcome and Reception: (responsive)

Let us, the members and friends of Union Congregational United Church of Christ Churchville, NY express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.

We covenant with you to equip one another for the work to which we feel called:

*striving for peace and justice among all people,
protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation,
and bringing hope to those most vulnerable.**

*(*This sentence is from the 7th Point of The Center for Progressive Christianity's 8 Points.)*

A Time for the Child In Us All

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

***Fellowship Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision"

We Pass Peace of Our Still Speaking and Present God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19, John 3:13-22

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Spring Cleaning and He Did What?"

Anthem "The One Who Bears My Shame" by Parker & Metzger