



Newtown United Methodist Church

March 7, 2021

The Third Sunday in Lent

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WE GATHER

PRELUDE "In times like these" by Ruth.Caye Jones, arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PREPARE TO HEAR

CHOIR INTROIT "The Spacious Firmament" FJ Haydn, arr. Katherine Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE "O Young and Fearless Prophet" (see back)

OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and glory, after having declared through the words of the prophets and the actions of Jesus your indifference to empty ritual and hollow ceremony, inspire our worship: that, as the Body of Christ, we may exist as your true temple, not a holy place, but a holy people through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:13-17 (see back)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Where Charity and Love Prevail" Carl Schalk

SERMON "Whose Tables Did He Turn?"

WE RESPOND TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

DEDICATING OUR RESOURCES TO GOD

OFFERTORY Sonata K 330, Andante cantabile, Mozart DOXOLOGY UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God, help us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. Accept these monetary gifts we bring as earthly treasures which we return to you. Be pleased to use them to your honor and glory, and towards the continued healing and restoring work of the risen Christ in this world. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE GO BACK INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude no. 7 in B Flat Maj. F. Couperin

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here.

Children are invited to join Miss Debbie in the front of the parking lot for the Children's Message. Mats will be provided for sitting!

O Young and Fearless Prophet

UMH #444

1. O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee, thy life is still a summons to serve humanity; to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd, to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.
2. We marvel at the purpose that held thee to thy course while ever on the hilltop before thee loomed the cross; thy steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone, while we betray so quickly and leave thee there alone.
3. O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way, where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ's holy sway; forbid false love of country that blinds us to his call, who lifts above the nations the unity of all.
4. Stir up in us a protest against our greed for wealth, while others starve and hunger and plead for work and health; where homes with little children cry out for lack of bread, who live their years sore burdened beneath a gloomy dread.
5. O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here, amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear; once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day, again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

John 2:13-17

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."