

SHARE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Blue prayer request cards may also be placed in the collection plate.)

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love*

***HYMN OF PRAISE #34**

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

***HYMN #727** *America, the Beautiful*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited after worship for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

*All who are able may stand.

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**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN KILLINGWORTH, UCC**



**Third Sunday in Lent – Scout Sunday
March 15, 2020**

GATHER IN JOY AND PRAISE

PRELUDE *You've Got A Friend in Me* By Randy Newman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Leader: Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

All: The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the HOLY ONE, our Maker!

All: Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

Leader: Let us not harden our hearts, as they did in the wilderness,

All: When our ancestors tested our Liberator, requiring proof of God's faithfulness, even though they had witnessed miracles!

Leader: For forty years God contended with that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

All: Today, Holy One, we have learned from their struggles. Today, we re-dedicate our hearts to you and strain our ears to hear your voice. Speak now, Still-Speaking God, for your people are listening!

INVOCATION

*HYMN #40 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*UNISON PRAYER (Harry Truman's Boy Scout Prayer)

Oh, Almighty and Everlasting God, Creator of Heaven, Earth and the Universe, help me to be, to think, to act what is right because it is right. Make me truthful and honorable in all things. Make me honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving, and patient with everyone. Help me to understand others' intentions and their shortcomings - even as you understand mine. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone, forgive us, we pray. For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way when your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected, grant us mercy, O God. For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused, show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord. For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom, for each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering round us, forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace; remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were still sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #734 *Glory Be To The Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING AND RECEIVING THE PEACE

Please turn to your neighbor and offer a sign of God's peace.

RECOGNITION OF ALL SCOUTS

READING: Litany of Scriptures and the Boy Scout Law
Troop #18

*HYMN #614 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(Children in grades PreK- 12 may go to Sunday School)

MEDITATE UPON GOD'S WORD

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SERMON