

Kitchissippi United Church
March 1, 2020
Lent 1
Relationships

*Indicates please stand in body or spirit
Congregational responses in **BOLD** type.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE *Lighten The Darkness* *Healey Willan*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER† and ††

Lent is a time of repentance and reconciliation, risk and renewal;
a time to face all that which hems us in and holds us back.

We gather to name the *Han* (恨)* that surrounds us:

our abuse of power; the harm we do to others and to the earth.

We gather to give voice to the *Han* (恨) within us:

the injustices that silence us; the pain that drains us of hope.

We gather to claim God's liberating love in the face of all the *Han* (恨) we know. **Come, let us worship God.** Let us pray together:

God of courage and determination, strengthen us when we stumble.

Proclaim to us today your words of grace and renewal. God of comfort and compassion, sustain us in times of trial. Share with us today your words of love. God of loyalty and faithfulness, guide us to know your path for us. Inspire us today through your words of wisdom. Amen.

**As part of a long and rich history of the United Church and Intercultural Ministries comes Han(恨). It is a Korean concept of frozen and knotted feelings of despair, helplessness, fear, anger and other negative feelings that have accumulated over a period of time and remained with a person.*

***OPENING HYMN** *Throughout These Lenten Days* (v 1,2,4) **VU 108**

LEARNING TOGETHER

SUNG RESPONSE – *Jesus Came, a Child Like Me* (v 3) **VU 583**
*Jesus came God's work to do, came to live in me and you,
came to turn the world around till God's peace and love are found.
Live, Jesus, near us, live, Jesus with us,
Live Jesus, in us, come, live in us today.*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (see insert)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION††† *Julia Gordon*
God of call, God of transformation, God of the Lenten way; help us to discern your still, small voice. Open us to change and growth that we may walk with Christ. Amen.

READING Romans 5:12-19 (pg. 1102)

RESPONSIVE PSALM 32 **VU 759**

READING Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 933)

RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURES

May the Spirit bless these readings to our understanding. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *O Sacred Feast* *Healey Willan*

REFLECTION

***HYMN** *O God, How We Have Wandered* **VU 112**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING *Reverie in F Minor*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Praise God from Whom* **VU 541**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in
love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†††† (unison)

Receive these gifts that we have given, God, as a symbol of all that we seek to be and to do in your way. Bless what we have offered and direct us in the use of these offerings for your glory and for the well-being of all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN** *There's a Spirit in the Air* (v 1,3,5)

VU 582

***COMMISSIONING †††††**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the way;
may the Spirit of Wisdom give us vision for the road;
May the love of Christ make us caring companions;
as together we go forth in this Lenten time.
Let us go in love and peace. **Amen.**

SUNG BENEDICTION *Refrain from Dust and Ashes*

VU 105

*Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands
bring us living water, Holy Spirit, come.*

RECESSIONAL *Canzona*

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(Please feel free to stay and listen or to move to the hall for coffee, tea and cookies. All are welcome!)

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