



Union Congregational Church

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Sunday, March 15, 2020: Order of Worship

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Note: In lieu of in-person worship Sunday, March 15, let us worship together in spirit using the elements below.

Prelude

Begin with an extended moment of prayerful silence.

Call to Worship

Read Psalm 46 aloud. (Find it [here](#).)

Opening Hymn: #219, I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Listen [here](#). Hymnal page [here](#).

Prayer of Invocation

Click [here](#).

Song: Come and Fill Our Hearts

Listen [here](#). Lyrics [here](#).

Announcements *(see at bottom of email)*

Offering

Click [here](#) for online giving (or you can mail a check to the church while we are apart). For an online giving tutorial, click [here](#).

First Reading: Proverbs 30:7-9

Listen [here](#). Pause afterwards for moments of silent reflection.

Second Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon: *Daily Bread in a Time of Pandemic*

Watch [here](#).

Sharing and Prayers of the Faith Community

While we are practicing social distancing, we can still maintain spiritual closeness by praying for each other. Please click [here](#) to find a Google Sheet where you can write in your name and how we can be praying for you, someone you know, and our communities around us. This works best if you circle back later in the day (Sunday) to see what others have added.

Closing Song: Nothing Can Trouble

Listen [here](#). Lyrics [here](#).

Benediction

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)

Announcements

Prayer requests can be confidentially sent to the Deacons and Abram by emailing diaconate@uccmagnolia.org and/or pastor@uccmagnolia.org.

Remote Worship at Least March 15 and March 22

Church leadership is following the recommendation of the UCC Southern New England Conference (and multiple other groups and best practices) in not meeting in person at least this Sunday and next (March 22). We expect to have another online worship offering for the March 22 service. We'll be in touch regarding future Sundays.

Here are four sites to bookmark:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

Giving of Pledges for Next Church Fiscal Year

As a new church fiscal year approaches (beginning May 1), the church leadership will encourage each household to offer a giving pledge for the coming year. We invite all to prayerfully consider "giving what you have decided in your own heart to give" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Committing to give a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or one-time annual amount also gives us a sense of working together to support the shared ministries of our church. We'll have occasion at our Annual Meeting on April 26 to hear about how God has used our finances, time, and talents to more deeply "know Christ and make him known" to others. The Gov. Board's budget draft will propose a budget that remains roughly at this last year's level (\$178K). More details to follow.

Coming Up...

- Easter Ocean Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and Worship Service, Sunday, April 12
- Annual Meeting, April 26, after the worship service
- (Presentation of Kijabe Children's Education Fund was to be today; we'll reschedule)

Our Mission: *We believe God is calling Union Congregational Church to be a nurturing fellowship that empowers persons in our community to know Christ and make him known. Christ's love compels us to promote personal spiritual growth through relationships of mutual love and accountability, outreach involving direct contact with people, creative experiences of worship, prayer, and biblical teaching, and leadership that empowers the church to accomplish its mission.*

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