

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 8, 2026 ~ 10:30am

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

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## — ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

### CENTERING MUSIC

*First Church of Ipswich,  
UCC, Youth Group*

### CALL to WORSHIP

*adapted from Philippians 2*

One: If there is comfort in Christ, consolation from love, partnership in the Spirit, and tender affection and sympathy, make our joy complete:

*People: Help us to be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord ...*

One: Guide us to do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others ...

*People: Let each of us look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others.*

One: Let the same mind be in each of us that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

*People: But emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.*

One: And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself ...

*All: O Love, O Joy, O Spirit, be with us this morning.  
Give us hearts and hands to serve.*

\*SONG BLUE BOOK

*Here I Am Lord*

*Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

### LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*First Church of Ipswich,  
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— REFLECTING —

### SCRIPTURE

*Mark 10: 35-45*

### REFLECTION

*ON THE LEFT HAND  
& RIGHT HAND*

*Rev. Gail Doktor*

\*SONG 470

*Precious Lord*

*First Church of Ipswich,  
UCC, Youth Group*

— OFFERING —

\*SONG 44

*Doxology*

*Sharon Novak*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

— CLOSING —

### BENEDICTION

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today,*

*May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

## PRAYERS:

*For PEOPLE: Focus this week:* Alexis, Allison, Annie, Ariana, Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Cindy G., Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nat & June, P.J.K., Rob, Ruth, Steve, Tom, Brianna & baby Addie, and Quinn N. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

*For PLACES* — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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- **Lenten Book Group: *An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story*** by Rachel Billups. Meets 10:45am on *Fridays: Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27 in JCC's second floor Council Room.* Zoom option also available.
  - **The Pope, the People, and the Faith: Understanding Catholicism** on *Sun, Mar 8 @ 4-5:30 pm, Whitney Community Center.* Co-hosted by JCC and taught by Michele Dillon, Professor of Sociology, UNH.
  - **The Crucifixion Through the Voice of Psalm 22** on *Sun, Mar 29 (Palm Sunday) @ 4pm, Whitney Community Center.* Discussion led by John A. Heropulos, MDiv.
  - **Via Crucis: Way of the Cross @ JCC sanctuary** during Lent.
  - **Holy Week Highlights:**
    - **Palm Sunday Worship:** 10:30am-Sun, March 29 @ JCC.
    - **Maundy Thursday Foot-washing Service:** 6pm-Thurs, April 2 @ Bartlett Church. Followed by soup supper.
    - **Holy Friday:** Fri, April 3
      - **Vigil:** Noon-3pm @ JCC.
      - **Stations of the Cross:** Throughout the day.
    - **Easter:** Sun, April 5
      - **Sunrise Service:** Dawn @ Presidential Drive
      - **Easter & Flowering of Cross:** 10:30am @ JCC
      - **Easter Slopeside Service @ Black Mountain**

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John and James, Sons of Zebedee, Sons of Thunder, at St. George's in Antwerp

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### **MARK 1:19-20**

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

### **MARK 3: 13-19—Jesus Appoints the Twelve**

He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve] to be with him and to be sent out to preach and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter), James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder), and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who handed him over.

### **Jairus's daughter:**

**MARK 5:37**—He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

### **The Transfiguration:**

**MARK 9:2**—Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart ...

### **Gethsemane:**

**MARK 14:33**—He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

### **LUKE 9:54—Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him

because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "*Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?*"

But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

### **MARK 10: 35-45—The Request of James and John**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "*Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.*"

And he said to them, "*What is it you want me to do for you?*"

**And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."**

But Jesus said to them, "*You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*"

They replied, "*We are able.*"

Then Jesus said to them, "*The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.*"

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

So Jesus called them and said to them, "*You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.*"