

Peace UCC  
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*Traveling Lightly: A Journey Through Lent*  
*Map – vision and mission*

**Prelude** “Lenten Sicilienne” Franklin Ashdown  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: Together we prepare for the days ahead.  
**Many: We are on a journey**  
One: We leave what is familiar to see where God guides us.  
**Many: We are on a journey**  
One: Through the risks and dangers, we pray for strength.  
**Many: We are on a journey**  
One: For wonders we behold, we rejoice  
**Many: We are on a journey**  
One: For amazing grace that brings us comfort in difficult days, we give thanks  
**Many: We are on a journey**  
One: We are on a journey toward shalom. Amen

**Opening Response** “Open My Eyes” Manibusan and Zaragoza

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Words:** Ruth Duck **Music:** Wild Mountain Thyme, Irish Folk Tune

**Spirit, open my heart**  
**to the joy and pain of living**  
**As you love may I love**  
**in receiving and in giving.**  
**Spirit, open my heart.**

**The Witness of Music** Jacob Nault

**Readings**

**Luke 4: 16-21**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

## **Luke 10:1-11**

After this Jesus appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kin-dom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kin-dom of God has come near.

## **Peace UCC Vision and Mission**

### **Our Vision:**

Creating a radically inclusive, just, compassionate and sustainable community mobilized toward comprehensive well-being.

### **Our Mission:**

Peace United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, lives out the radical teachings of Jesus and works in solidarity with all to achieve well-being, justice and equity for God’s creation.

**For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.**

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** “Renewing, Reforming the Church in Our Day” Tune: St. Denio  
Text: Jann Aldredge-Clanton

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **How Shall We Join God’s Work in the World**

Gracious God, we give thanks.  
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

## **Closing**

**Postlude** “Rigaudon” Henry Purcell/arr. by Gerald Peterson  
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