

**Peace UCC**  
**March 21, 2021**  
*Traveling Lightly: A Journey Through Lent*  
*Flash light – illumination, knowledge, wisdom*

**Prelude** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" John Behnke  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words**

One: We gather this morning,  
some filled with the joy of a new day,  
some worn out by the world.

**Many: One and all we gather here.**

One: For some of us, the hours are heavy with grief  
For some of us, the anxiety of not knowing what lies ahead grips us.  
For some of us, anticipation brings us to our feet in dance  
Each on a journey bringing us together

**Many: One and all we gather here.**

One: Led by the wonder of love and compassion,  
We arrive - bringing our sorrow and joy, our burdens and dancing bodies.  
God among us and in us.

**Many: One and all we gather here.**

**Opening Response** "This Little Light of Mine" Traditional

**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** Ann Fessenden

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" James McGranahan/arr. Gary Lanier  
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**Readings**

**Mark 10:17-22**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

**Storage by Mary Oliver**

When I moved from one house to another  
there were many things I had no room for.  
What does one do? I rented a storage

space. And filled it. Years passed.  
Occasionally I went there and looked in,  
but nothing happened, not a single  
twinge of the heart.

As I grew older the things I cared  
about grew fewer, but were more  
important. So one day I undid the lock  
and called the trash man. He took  
everything.

I felt like the little donkey when  
his burden is finally lifted. Things!  
Burn them, burn them! Make a beautiful  
fire! More room in your heart for love,  
for the trees! For the birds who own  
nothing— the reason they can fly.

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

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" Tune: Madeleine

### **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** Postlude on "Hyfrydol" Jason D. Payne  
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