

# Lent 2: 11 March 20



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*Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.*

*Matthew 5*

*Compassion is calling us...*

*to return to the  
ancient principle  
that any interpretation  
of scripture  
that breeds violence,  
hatred or  
disdain  
is illegitimate*

- Charter of Compassion

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy One,  
in this world where goodness and evil  
continue to clash with each other,  
instill in us, and in all your people,

Many: **discernment to see what is right,  
faith to believe what is right,  
and courage to do what is right.**

Stages on the Way, Iona Community

#### \*HYMN 202

“O God How We Have Wandered” tune: Passion Chorale  
words: Nichols



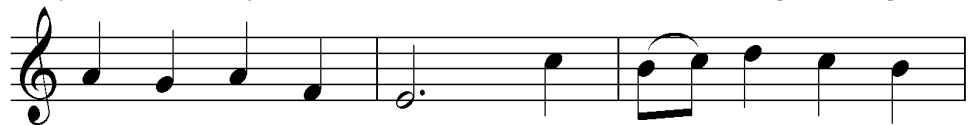
O God how we have wan - dered and hid - den from\_ your  
And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that\_ we  
O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and\_ re -



face; In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your  
do; By faith we are re - turn - ing with  
stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our



leg - a - cy\_ of grace. But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we  
hope and trust\_ in you. In haste\_ you come to meet us, and  
peace and hope as - sured. Grant now\_ that our trans - gress - ing, our



turn with fear and shame, As dis - tant but com -  
home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to  
faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out\_ your hand in



pell - ing, you call us each by name.  
greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

"Though beings are numberless, I vow to save them all."

"All beings?" I asked. "People, birds, trees, stones?"

"All beings," I was told.

"How," I asked, "do I save all beings?"

The answer: "By letting them in."

Lin Jensen,  
[www.shambhalasun.com](http://www.shambhalasun.com)

Inexpressible emotions  
find expression,  
the unfaithful can be forgiven,  
the homeless can find a home,  
and the exiled can return.  
Murderer and victim  
can sit side by side  
and share bread and wine,  
with sins and tragedies forgiven.

Review of "Places in the Heart",  
Glenn Erickson, [dvdtalk.com/dvdsavant](http://dvdtalk.com/dvdsavant)



[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

### \*GATHERING WORDS

One: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,  
and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,  
and the beckoning power of sweet fruit,  
and the vain promises of the world,  
we need you, God.

Many: **We need you, God.**

One: Because we see the broken before the whole,  
and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task,  
and the thirst in freedom's quest,  
we need you, God.

Many: **We need you, God.**

One: Because we trust in what we can see,  
and we are blinded by our prejudices,  
and we do not know what we do not know,  
we need you, God.

Many: **We need you, God.**

One: Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth,  
and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded,  
and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,  
we need you, God.

Many: **We need you, God.**

One: Because you came among us,  
and breathed into our sinewy souls,  
and healed our pain and let us wound you,  
and loved us to the end,  
and triumphed over all our hatred,  
we need you, God.

Many: **We need you, God.**

source: K. Hawker

### \*RESPONSE

"Be Still and Know"

source: Iona Community

*May be sung  
as a round*

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and  
know that I am God.

### READING FROM TRADITION

One: May we be struck by the wisdom of these words  
and marked by hearing them.

Many: **For within story lies meaning,  
and within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.**

Gretta Vosper

One: A reading from the book of Genesis:  
Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and  
your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a  
great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you  
will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses  
you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."  
So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

(Genesis 12:1-4)

One: With words that illumine

Many: **May we hear the Word.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are invited to the Chancel Steps for a story.  
Following the story, children may choose to return to their seats  
or go to play in the Nursery or with the Shepherds (11:00am).

**ANTHEM** 8:30AM "Listening for the Call" source: Pote  
Children's Choir

11:00AM "The Greatest Gift is Love" source: Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

**SERMON** "A Nomad's Prayer" Katherine Hawker

**\*HYMN** "In Our Hearts and Neighborhoods" tune: Royal Oak  
words: D. Patterson



In our hearts and neigh - bor - hoods we sow the seeds of\_ peace.



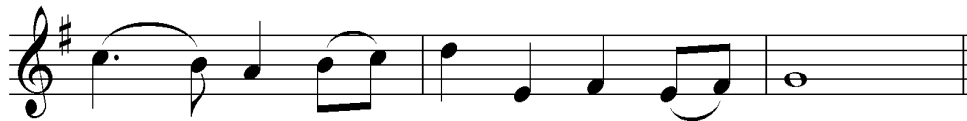
We would plant com - mu - ni - ty, love's har-vest to in - crease.



We work for hope and\_ heal - ing. We seek\_ the lone ly  
We pray for all the\_ chil - dren, for youth\_ who need our  
Oh, send us forth in\_ cour - age, e - quipped with grace to



soul. We\_ stretch out hands in\_  
care, for\_ lone - ly home - bound\_  
know di - ver - si - ty's rich\_



friend - ship, that\_ God might make us\_ whole.  
el - ders with\_ gifts they long to\_ share.  
gar - den, God's. love and care to\_ grow.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,  
After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.  
And the people may respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Most holy God, most faithful  
Friend, look with compassion  
upon each member of this con-  
gregation as they come before you  
now. Override our ignorance, un-  
dercut our arrogance, scatter our  
indifference, and infiltrate our  
thoughts and feelings with your  
own Spirit. Please set us free from  
anything that might demean or  
diffuse this hour of worship. En-  
able us to put down our roots into  
the immovable ground of your  
eternal goodness. Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen!

—B.D. Prewer



<http://magrace.files.wordpress.com/2010/01/p-compassion.gif>

The first thing people need to know  
is that they can have no real life,  
no real freedom,  
no real joy in life  
save as they lay aside  
the kinds of actions that destroy  
the very things they are seeking...

The second is...  
that we are being drawn forward  
toward the day appointed by God  
when people will indeed  
avoid these prohibitions,  
and will love God and neighbor.

Walter Harrelson  
*The Ten Commandments and Human Rights*



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## IN OUR PRAYERS

### REFLECTION ON PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

One: Let us pray together:

Many: **As I live every day,  
I want to be a channel for peace.  
May I bring love where there is hatred  
and healing where there is hurt;  
joy where there is sadness  
and hope where there is fear.  
I pray that I may always try  
to understand and comfort other people  
as well as seeking comfort and understanding  
from them.  
Wherever possible, may I choose to be  
a light in the darkness,  
a help in times of need,  
and a caring, honest friend.  
and may justice, kindness, and peace  
flow from my heart forever,  
Amen.**

source: Vosper

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Celebrating the life of  
Paul Wehling  
Saturday, March 26 at 1:00pm  
with a reception following  
at EUCC

### RESPONSE

"O Compassion"

source: Hesla

*Very slowly,  
quiet and alert* Eb

O Com - pas - sion. O Com - pas - sion. In the  
qui-et of my heart. In the qui-et of my heart. In the  
qui-et of my heart. Wa- ken me.

### TABLE PRAYER AND PROCESSION TO THE TABLE 8:30AM

#### INVITATION, REMEMBRANCE, BLESSING

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.**

**Bless all of us in our eating and drinking**

**that our eyes might be opened,**

**that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst**

**indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...  
partaking of the bread and cup, lighting a candle in prayer, and placing  
an offering in the plates beside the table.*

### CELEBRATION OF GIVING 11:00AM

*The congregation is invited to share support for the work of this community  
and our monthly Special Offering.*

**\*RESPONSE**

**"Lord's Prayer"**

source: David Haas

**REFRAIN**

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, oh hal-low-ed be thy  
 name. Our Moth-er who art in heav-en, oh  
**Verse 1**  
 hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy  
**To Refrain**  
 will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.

**Verse 2**

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-  
 give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give, as  
**To Refrain**  
 we for-give, those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

**Verse 3**

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-  
 liv-er us from e-vil; for the king-dom, the pow'r and the  
**To Refrain**  
 glo-ry are yours for-ev-er.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray:

Many: **Call us out, O God, from familiar settings.**

**Lead us into unexplored regions,  
and make our lives a blessing to all whom we meet.**

**Give us courage to explore you  
and to explore ourselves openly.**

**Amen.**

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. Please contact the church office for more information.

**YELLOW BAGS**

The yellow bag ministry (shopping cart in Narthex) is always in need of donations. You may also check the menu, changed monthly, to see what food items are being requested for the month.

**MARCH MISSION FOCUS**

**Stillpoint Campus Ministry**  
Stillpoint Campus Ministry is a ministry of EUCC at Webster University made possible by Laurel Hayes' generous gift of time and talent. Stillpoint hosts regular meditation sessions, book groups, and a "Listening Post."

**ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS NOW...**

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Evangelical UCC members and friends are invited to provide potted flowers for the chancel area on Easter Sunday. As an alternative to ordering flowers, you may contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign or you may choose to do both. Orders for flowers must be received in the church office no later than MONDAY, April 11, 2011 to assure delivery by Easter (Availability determined when ordered from greenhouse). Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex as well as online on our website or in the News and Notes. Make checks payable to Evangelical UCC clearly marked "Easter Flowers".

COMPASSION COMES TO  
THE OTHER EVANGELICAL  
LENT—EASTER 2011



**ENCOUNTER:**

**Sundays, 8:30am and 11:00am**

March 20: Reading scripture without violence, hatred and disdain

March 27: Offering Tools for our Youth

April 3: A Positive Appreciation of Diversity

April 10: Cultivating Informed Empathy

April 17: The Cost of Compassion

**EXPLORE:**

**Sundays, 9:45am-10:45am**

What's Compassion Got to Do with It? (now thru April 17)  
Join Bob Karr and others for a discussion of the Charter for Compassion and Karen Armstrong's book "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life". Participants are not expected to read the book.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm**

Practicing Compassion - Beginning on March 16 and modeled upon the 12 Step programs, Katy Hawker will work with a small group as we use Armstrong's book. We will practice one step each week, reading together the step and then sharing how we experience the step in our lives.

**ENGAGE:**

**Sign the Charter at**  
[www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org)

**\*HYMN 581**

"Lead Us from Death to Life"

words: Haugen  
tune: World Peace Prayer

Refrain

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de-  
spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to  
love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our  
world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse. Still all the an - gry cries,  
So man - y lone - ly hearts,  
Let jus - tice ev - er roll,  
still all the an - gry guns, still now your peo - ple die, earth's sons and  
so man - y bro - ken lives, long - ing for love to break in - to their  
let mer - cy fill the earth, let us be - gin to grow in - to your  
daugh - ters. Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour  
an - guish. Come, teach us love, come, teach us  
peo - ple. We can be love, we can bring  
down, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion.  
peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas - sion.  
peace, we can still be your way of com - pas - sion.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Bulletin recycling: Though we invite you to take your bulletin home to review the prayers and opportunities throughout the week, if you choose to leave your bulletin after the 8:30am service place it in the blue box and we will use it again!*

## FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

### YOUTH CIRCLES

No Youth Group this week.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

No rehearsal this week.

### FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

**Friday, April 1**

Save the date! Our next First Friday Fun Night is scheduled for April 1st. Game Night hosted by Tara and Vanessa Tetzlaff. Look for details in upcoming publications.

### EUCC MOM'S GROUP

**Friday, April 8, 9:30am**

The Moms' Group will meet Friday April 8 from 9:30-11 at the church. Bring any unfinished projects you have to work on ( such as knitting or catching up your photo albums) while we brain storm new topics. Just plain sitting is welcome, too.

### QUILTERS AND ARTISTS

**Wednesday, April 6, 7-9pm**

Our main project will be making some fabric flowers. No sewing required! Bring a glue gun if you happen to have one. Our flowers will be sold by the Servant Team on Mothers' Day to benefit the special May outreach, which is the World Wide Fistula Fund. This medical organization, headed by EUCC's own Dr. Lewis Wall, works toward maternal health in Africa. Of course there will be prayer quilts to work on too, for those who prefer needle and thread. The Quilters' and Artists' meetings are a time of most enjoyable fellowship, so we warmly welcome anyone who likes crafts to come join us.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Saturday, April 9, 8:30am-2:30pm**

Gather to enjoy a day long retreat at Gya Art Gallery, 2700 Locust, St. Louis MO. Cost is \$15. Sign up on the clipboard

### SUPPER CLUBS NOW FORMING...

**Do you want an opportunity to get to know people better?**

The 2011 Supper Clubs are starting!! There are still a couple of openings. If you are interested in joining a group or beginning your own groups,

Each Supper Club will meet

four times (March, April, May, June).

### PARENT GROUP

**Sundays, 9:45am- March 20**

Consuming Kids – The Commercialization of Childhood

The film focuses on the explosive growth of child marketing, showing how youth marketers have transformed American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. Consuming Kids pushes back against the wholesale commercialization of childhood, raising urgent questions about the ethics of children's marketing and its impact on the health and well-being of kids.

## THIS WEEK AT EUCC

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

**8:30am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**9:45am** What's Compassion Got to do With It? (Library)

**9:45am** Adult Ed: Parent Group (Classroom 23)

**9:45am** Children's Church School (Lower Level Classrooms)

**9:45am** Jr/Sr High Classes (Still Speaking Center)

**9:45am** Stewardship Circle Meeting (Classroom 21)

**11:00am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**3:00pm** Korean Drumming Group, "Doorei" (Fellowship Hall)

**NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY**

**MONDAY, MARCH 21**

**9:15am** Job Jar

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

**9:30am** Amy's Yoga (Still Speaking Center)

**10:00am** Orchard House Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

**9:30am** Equinox Chamber Players Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

**NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR TONIGHT**

**6:30pm** Adult Ed: 12

Steps to a Compassionate Life (Library)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

**9:00am** AARP Tax Prep (Fireside Room)

**9:30am** UCC Ministers' Spouses Book Group (Library)

**12:30pm** Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

**7:00pm** Amy Soell Meeting (Still Speaking Center)

**7:00pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Sanctuary)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

**9:30am** WG Mom's Connection (Fellowship Hall, Red Room)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**8:30am** Amy's Yoga (Still Speaking Center)

**9:00am** Huppert Violin Lessons

**9:00am** Paul Wehling Service Musicians' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**11:00am** Youth Band (Choir Room)

**1:00pm** Paul Wehling Memorial Service

**5:00pm** Sts C&F Worship (Fireside Room, Sanctuary, Narthex)

**6:00pm** Charleton College Students (Still Speaking Center)

MINISTRY		TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LITURGISTS	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	Nancy Reiter (8:30am) Wynn Miller (11:00am)	Susan Dorris (8:30am) Wynn Miller (11:00am)
SHEPHERDS	Playtime with our preschoolers	Toby and Tara Mechem	Tom and Mindy James
CRIB ROOM ASSISTANTS	Help Carole play with our babies	Peggy Thater	Matt and Michelle Helms
USHERS	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Paul Kachulis Jan Ittner Colleen Gilmore Susan Morgan	Bob and Bobbie Pahmeier Wynn Miller Yoany Lopez Karen Droege Earl Brown
COFFEE HOUR	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Gigi Hill Teri Hillen	Nancy Mack Cheryl Palmer
MONEY COUNTERS	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Bob and Gigi Hill	Nick Gilham Jeremy Meyer

#### EUCC STAFF

Pastoral Team: Katherine Hawker,  
Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon  
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Youth Representative, Erin Schroeder

#### WELCOME!

##### A WORD ABOUT DIVERSITY:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, political perspective, sexual orientation or gender identity.

##### A WORD ABOUT CHILDREN:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.



##### A WORD ABOUT SPECIAL NEEDS:

We are committed to making our worship service as accessible as possible. We offer special hearing devices, accessible seating, and other services as requested. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.

#### Contact us:

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