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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

His Eye is On the Sparrow
FC Choir & Community Chorus

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Dennebaum

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Greer

***OPENING HYMN**

God, We Thank You for Our People

NCH, #376

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

David Greer

(A moment of silence)

Let us join together in prayer.

Oh Lord, please join us during this winter hour as our hearts struggle for redemption, and our souls agitate for justice. Unto you, oh Lord, we ask that you cast a warm sunshine in our journey to spread your grace to the darkest, coldest corners where despair and loss grow unchecked. Oh Lord, warm us during this hour with your moving strength so that even the most remote corners of our lives breathe with the life of and joy you bestow upon us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Greer

Oh, how tall we stand when we live our values of compassion and justice. We should never underestimate the joy in our hearts when understanding is unleashed, and the strength of love becomes undeniable. Tender is the night that holds us in her arms, cradling our hopes so that our journey toward hope and forgiveness will awaken with the new day.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(kids may leave for a Sunday school)

ANTHEM

My Eye is on the Sparrow
Community Chorus & FC Choir

Keith Hampton

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 13: 31-35

David Greer

***SERMON HYMN**

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns

NCH, #212

SERMON

Justice - Strong and Tender Peter Dennebaum
Rom 9: 30-32a, 10: 2-4,10

RESPONDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

John Touchton

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WELCOME OF VISITORS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Our God, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

LITURGY OF SENDING FORTH BARBARA GERLACH

***CLOSING HYMN**

How Can I Keep From Singing
Dwan Reece, soprano.

NCH, #476

Congregation joins in singing after Dwan has sung one verse

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

God Be With You

NCH, #81

Text: God be with you till we meet again;

By good counsel guide, uphold you,

Daily manna still provide you;

God be with you till we meet again

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Spiritual

(traditional tune/arranged)

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

NCH = New Century Hymnal.

Lay Leader: David Greer is a loving partner, new homeowner and longtime Washingtonian who struggles everyday to find peace in heart and finds great strength in giving to others.

Birthdays:
March 1 Meg Maguire
March 2 Tom Dinkelmeyer
March 4 Marie Rietmann

THIS WEEK

Today
2:00 pm Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marka & David Hayes, Peter Gerlach-Mack, Jessica Prentice
2:30 pm The last Covenant Conversations: *Why First Congregational United Church of Christ in DC?* Instructor - Barbara Brown Zikmund
3:30 pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 2
7:00 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, March 3
3:00-5:00 Volunteers at Thrive DC
6:00 pm Worship Commission

Thursday, March 4
6:00 pm Music Committee
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 7
12:00 pm Bible Workbench
1:00 pm Worship Service & Communion
Preaching: Karen Byrne
2:00 pm Fellowship Hour Hosts: Priscilla Waters, Bob Dinkelmeyer, Ruth Shinn, Joan King
2:30 pm Nurture about Karen Byrne's Faith Journey

Ministers:
Peter Dennebaum
Ron Hopson

Director of Music:
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“Justice - Strong and Tender”

February 28, 2010 - Second Sunday in Lent

The Lament over Jerusalem

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’³² He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Rom 9: 30-32a, 10: 2-4,10

30 What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith;³¹ but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law.³² Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone,² I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened.³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God’s righteousness.⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.