



*Hingham Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Hingham, Massachusetts*

**Sunday, February 22, 2015
First Sunday of Lent**

Welcoming Statement

In the name of God and Jesus Christ, the Hingham Congregational Church welcomes all who seek to know and worship God, and invites everyone to join in our mission through participation and leadership of the congregation.

As a community of faith, we take seriously the biblical call to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and recognize that, although we are many members, we are one.

- ❖ We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone.
- ❖ We rejoice in our diversity of views and understandings of our shared faith.
- ❖ We affirm relationships based on love, commitment, and mutual respect.
- ❖ As is stated in our by-laws, we strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

It is with this spirit and the love of God that we openly welcome all persons, inclusive of every race, ethnicity, class, age, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, and inclusive of any others, to journey with us as we move forward with the work of this church in the world

*(Nursery care is available for children under age 3.
Rest Rooms are located down the backstairs and to your left.)*

Order of Worship

*Those who are able may stand

Prelude *We encourage you to take this opportunity to be in quiet prayer and reflection.*

Ringing of the Sabbath Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Moment of Silence and Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered to worship our God.

All: God of all, send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: We come from many places, with many burdens.

All: We turn our hearts to you, O God. Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved community.

***Hymn** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* PH (red) #1

***Opening Prayer**

Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Bless your people gathered here with your grace, we pray. Teach us to walk in your ways of courage, compassion, and truth, living the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose spirit we pray...

(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 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.

***Words of Hope**

*Ubi Caritas

U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i - bi est.

Translation from the Latin:
*Where there is compassion and love
Where there is compassion, there is God*

*The Passing of the Peace

Anthem

Time for Children

(The children bring their offering forward as the congregation sings)

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout, you're a star that will shine through the day.

5 You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.

9 Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to - all:

13 mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace, e - ter - nal love.

*Hymn

Just As I Am

NCH (black) #207

Sharing in the Mission and Ministry of the Church

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering

*Presentation of the Offering and the Doxology

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 Dedication

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Selections from Jonah
Sermon: "A Bigger God"

Rev. Dr. Peter Allen

Piano Meditation

Prayers of the People of God

*(Prayer concerns may be written in the book at the back of the church or
voiced at this time.)*

Joys & Concerns – Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

***Hymn** *Take My Life, God, Let It Be* NCH (black) #448

***Congregational Commissioning** (in unison)

As we leave this place of worship,

let us work to create Christ's realm of love, justice, and peace.

May we live as the Holy One requires:

doing justice,

loving kindness,

and walking humbly with our God.

Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

