



Second Christian Church of Kittery - U.C.C  
The Third Sunday during Lent  
*Second Sunday Jazz*  
March 12, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Entering the Passion of Jesus - Picturing Ourselves in the Story  
*The Teaching: Risking Challenge*

*\*Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*

Gathering Music

Quick Hit

Jared Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Entering the Story

Crossing the Threshold

Leader: Enter...Enter the story,  
Enter the place you belong, not just looking on,  
for this is *your* story.  
Enter the story.

**\*People:** *Enter... Enter the passion  
Enter the place we belong,  
not just looking on,  
for this is our passion.  
Enter the passion.*

*[Repeat 1x]*

*Enter the story... Enter the passion... Enter his passion.*

**\*Act of Reconciliation**

*We come here to encounter the teachings of Jesus.  
Many wanted to destroy him for these teachings,  
and sometimes we too find that his words challenge us,  
calling us to more than we think we can be or do.*

*Forgive us, O God.*

*Let us be shaped into a new people,  
made in the mold of justice, not the stamp of Caesar's coin.*

*You entered our story through Jesus,  
now help us to enter fully into the story  
of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen,*

**\*Hymn** (see back page)

*God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Entering the Peace of Christ**

Let us now pass the unsurpassing peace of Christ with those around us.  
The peace of Christ is with you all! ***And also with you.***

## Getting Perspective

Listening for the Story

Matthew 4:1-11

Special Music

*Hermano Suave*

Jared Sims

Dwelling in the Story

Enter, Enter the story  
Enter the place you belong, not just looking on  
For this is *your* story. Enter the story  
***Enter... Enter the passion***  
***Enter the place we belong, not just looking on***  
***For this is our passion, enter the passion***  
***Enter the story... Enter the passion... Enter his passion.***

The Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

The Message

*"Tempted by an Easy Answer"*

## Zooming In

The Church is at Prayer

***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***  
***Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full on his wonderful face***  
***And the things of earth will grow strangely dim***  
***In the light of his glory and grace...***

Lemmel

The Prayer of Our Savior

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.***  
***Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.***  
***Give us today our daily bread.***  
***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.***  
***Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.***  
***For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen,***

We Offer of Ourselves

Special Music

*Pelham*

Jared Sims

\*Thanksgiving (#204 in hymnal, v. 4 only)

\*Prayer of Dedication

***God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.***  
***With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead***  
***that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen,***

## Entering the World's Story

\*Closing Hymn #621

*"Are Ye Able," Said the Master*

BEACON HILL

Blessing

Music for Going Out

*Bon Voyage*

Jared Sims

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us in person or worshipping with us online,  
*Remember: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

You have been greeted by Lois Marshall and Mark Fecteau.

Our Ushers are Tim and Kathy Runey.

Our Liturgist is Charlie Donnell and our "Story Dweller" is Kathy Maloney.

We are happy to welcome back our *Second Sunday Jazz Trio* of Mike Effenberger, Jim Rudolf, and Rob Gerry, as they offer up a few selections from composer, educator and saxophonist Jared Sims. We know you enjoy it!

### **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Wed. Mar. 15	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Mar. 16	2:00 PM	Prayer Time, via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Church Council/Deacons
Fri. Mar. 17	9:00 AM	Breakfast with Brad
Sat. Mar. 18	9:00 AM	<i>Thrive at Any Size</i>
		Maine Conference Workshop
Sun. Mar. 19	10:00 AM	Worship
		<i>The Fourth Sunday during Lent - Entering the Passion of Jesus</i>

### ***The First Dinner: Risking Rejection***

### ***One Great Hour of Sharing: A Closer Look***

*In rural Honduras, your gifts to OGHS enable Church World Services and partners to form CASM2 that has provided eco-stoves to Esmerelda Robles and 58 families. They can prepare meals without increasing environmental pollution. Eco-stoves require less firewood, produce less smoke and soot, and are more efficient. "Now we don't need as much firewood to cook, unlike the stove we had before. And it is very helpful for our lungs that there is no smoke," Esmerelda says. Today, she uses less firewood, cooks faster, and saves time preparing meals in her kitchen.*

*Your contributions also provide Esmerelda and her neighbors with training on planting crops, producing fertilizers, and implementing irrigation techniques. They receive seeds and now produce most of the food that families eat. In addition to feeding her family, Esmerelda sells her produce or exchanges it with neighbors. Your dollars empower families like Esmerelda's to thrive in ways unimaginable before. Her community is more food secure and healthier, because of your generosity.*

*We will be receiving your gifts to OGHS through Easter. Please give generously!*

### **Second Christian Church of Kittery - UCC**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*  
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Rev. Brad Hirst, *Pastor* • Mike Effenberger, *Music Director* • Charles Donnell, *Treasurer*

## **God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

***God, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children lost and lone.***

***O lead me, God, that I may lead  
some wanderers along life's way;  
O feed me so that I may feed  
your hungry ones without delay.***

***O fill me with your fullness, God,  
your overflowing love to know;  
In glowing word and kindling thought,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.***

***O use me, God, use even me  
just as you will, and when, and where,  
until your blessed face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.***

CANONBURY L.M.

WORDS: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872;alt.

MUSIC: arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

*Daughter of the English hymn writer William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.*

## **"Are Ye Able," Said the Master**

***"Are ye able," said the Master,  
"to be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,  
"to the death we follow thee."***

**[Refrain:]**

***"Lord, we are able." Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.***

***"Are ye able" to remember,  
when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy  
of a place in paradise?***

**[Refrain]**

***"Are ye able" when the shadows  
close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs,  
to commend your soul to God?***

**[Refrain]**

***"Are ye able?" Still the Master  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
now as then in Galilee.***

**[Refrain]**

BEACON HILL

WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926

MUSIC: Harry S. Mason, 1924

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