

PEOPLE'S SPEAKS

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PEOPLE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Worship—January 14 @ 10a.m.—Fine Arts Clubhouse



.Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?
Throughout time, God whispers in the night
and invites us to be a part of creating a world
of love.

This Sunday at 10 a.m., we will explore our
calling, and share the stories of call in scrip-
ture, in history, and in our own lives.

Please join us at the Fine Arts Clubhouse at
601 4th St. South in Fargo.



Worship Schedule

People's UCC meets at 10a.m. Sunday Mornings
January 14—Fine Arts Club
February—4—The Stage @ Island Park



People's UCC has been invited to host the Interfaith Service for Winter
Pride on Sunday, February 11. Planning is still in the works. This is a
great opportunity to continue our community outreach.

Let's be ready to show our wider community that People's truly em-
braces the beautiful diversity of all God's people.

Pushed to the wall, I called to God;
from the wide open spaces, [they] answered.
God's now at my side and I'm not afraid.
Psalm 118:5-6a

There are times when it simply feels that I cannot possibly take anymore—as rendered in *The Message*—pushed to the wall.

I've seen others in that same position. In those times of anguish, it seems there is nothing else to do but to cry out to God.

I've found in those moments, that when my cries come up from the depths of my soul, there comes, in time, a sense of quiet resolve. That is when I feel God's presence. That's when I know God is by my side.

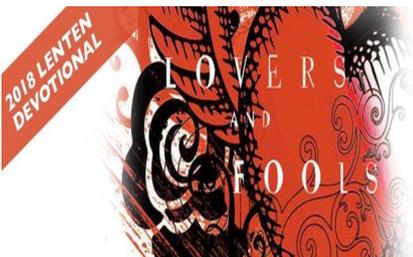
In one of those moments, almost 14 years ago, my mother shared with me these words, straight from her Presbyterian heart: "I know that you are afraid. But what will be will be. And you will be all right. How's that for a mother's prayer?"

Her prayer did not ensure that what I was about to face would go away. But it did remind me that God would be there. Holding me, loving me, just like my mother who had shared her mother's prayer. Just like my colleague who sat with me as I faced those who were set to judge me.

Things did not turn out, in that meeting, the way that I willed them to be. But the circumstances and God's call to me from the wide spaces of their love set me on a path that has finally led me the moment I'm in now. Now I know, that no matter what I face, God's at my side, and I'm not afraid. May God's peace and love be with you as well, my friends.

Shalom,

Pastor Grace



The UCC Still-Speaking Writers have published a new Lenten Devotional: *Lovers & Fools*. We are reminded we spend our days worshipping a God in love with weakness; following a foolish savior, even to the cross.

Join in the love and the foolishness. Copies are on the way for \$5 each. Let Pastor Grace know if you want your own copy.

Prayers for This Week

Paul Leintz

Cindy Saar

Sage Dill

Children who need emotional & spiritual support

Californians who are displaced following mudslides.



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