

*Readings for March 10, 2024*  
*United Church of Strafford, Vermont*

**Responsive Reading** *from Psalm 107*

**Leader:** O give thanks to God, for God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** **Let the redeemed say so,  
those God redeemed from trouble.**

**Leader:** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way;  
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**People:** **Then they cried to God in their trouble,  
and God delivered them from their distress;  
God led them by a straight way.**

**Leader:** Let them give thanks for God's steadfast love,  
for God satisfies the thirsty,  
and fills the hungry with good things.

**People:** **Some were sick through their wrongful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

**Leader:** Then they cried to God in their trouble,  
and God saved them from their distress;

**People:** **God sent out the word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.**

**All:** **Let them give thanks for God's steadfast love,  
and let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.**

*from John 3:14-17, 19-21*

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Humanity be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him....

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”