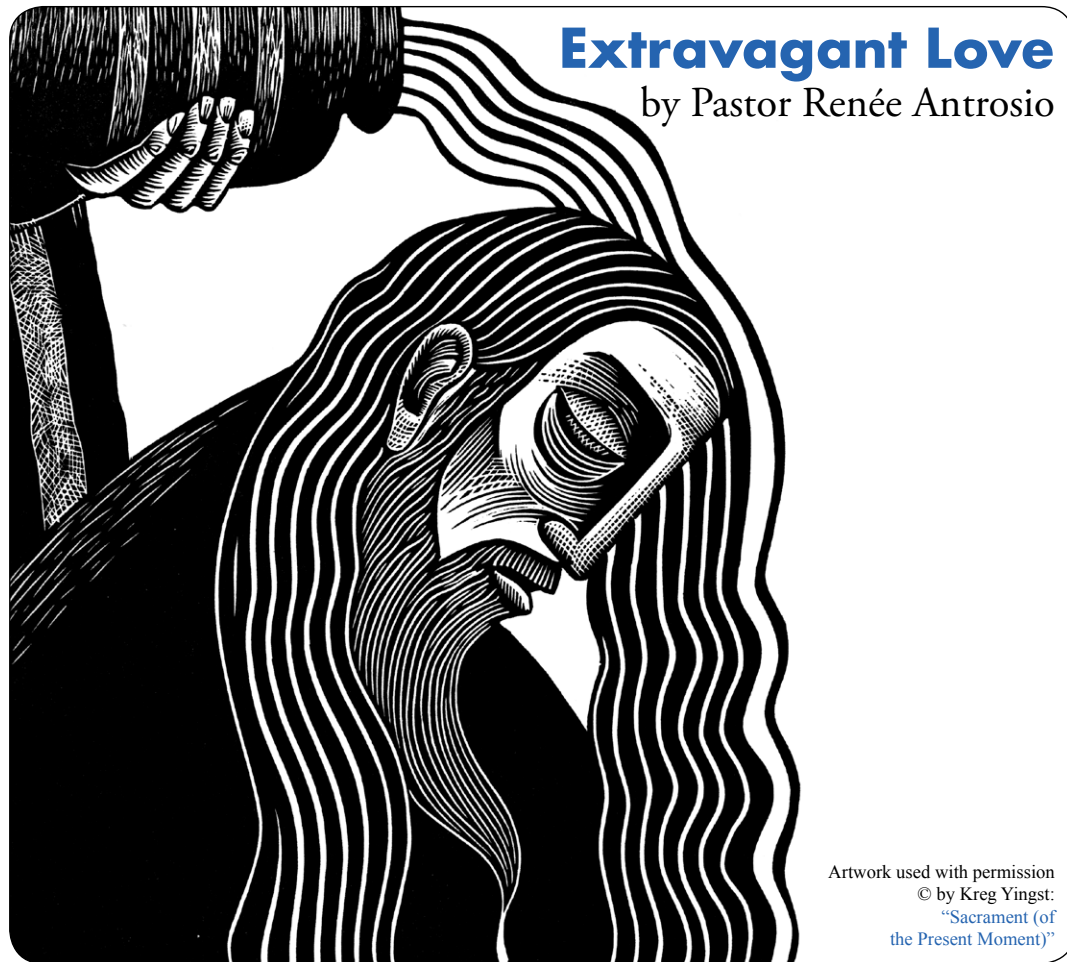


New Covenant Fellowship

March 30, 2025



Extravagant Love by Pastor Renée Antrosio

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“Sacrament (of
the Present Moment)”

“During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head.... ‘She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial.’”

Mark 14:3b, 8

ORDER OF SERVICE

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome (Vern Fein)

Your Love Oh Lord

Prayer for Readings (Pastor Renée)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Mark 5:25-34 (Madeline Shunk)

You Say

Matthew 26:1-2,6-13 (Ellen Dahlke)

How Could We Not Believe

Teaching (Pastor Renée)

Jesus Stand Among Us

In the Secret

Benediction (Barbara Linder)

Anchor of My Soul



BENEDICTION

Leader:

Caught between joy and despair,
we yearn for the fulfillment of God’s desire
beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life.

All:

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
day by day you sustain the weary with your word
and gently encourage us to place our trust in you.
Awaken us to the suffering of those around us;
save us from hiding in denials that deepen the hurt;
give us grace to share one another’s burdens
in humble service.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activity Surveys—Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey last Sunday on event ideas for NCF connections. We’ve received many great ideas and are already moving forward with plans. To submit more ideas, email Paige via the contact list.

Thanks to all the cooks, provisioners, servers, and cleaners up who made the fellowship meal on Sunday delicious, fun, and manageable.

Reminder: Volunteers for running the projector, sound, prayer wall, etc needed! Contact Melissa, Paige, or Renée. Ongoing volunteers—please [log in](#) to fill available slots. See newsletter for link. Thank you!

Jeff to the UN—On April 6, we are collecting cards and love offerings to share with Jeff before he travels to NYC (April 14-17) for the United Nations Forum. May our prayers send and return him safely.

Movie with Jeff—We are all invited to view [“Bound—Africans v. African Americans”](#) Saturday, April 5th at 6:30 at the Unitarian Universalist

Church in Urbana. Discussion led by Jeff Trask.

Ministry to the Unhoused distributes cash to folks without housing—to send donations to Jimmy’s ‘Lotus & Cross Ministry,’ check with NCF office or [Roberto via contact list](#) for exact donation email.

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 5 Movie night with Jeff Trask at Unitarian Universalist Church, 6:30 pm
- Apr 6 Gift-sharing for Jeff
- Apr 13 Pre-service Prayer in the NCF Library, 9:45-10:15am
- Apr 14-17 Jeff Trask’s trip to NYC for UN Forum

[Happenings Beyond NCF...](#)

Black Earth Gardens CSA—Black Earth Gardens is a mission-driven farm rooted in three interdependent values: regenerative agriculture, food sovereignty, and food justice. Your support benefits the community and seniors. [Click for CSA letter.](#)

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