



## *Wading into Easter*

*No matter who you are, or where you are  
on life's journey, all of you is welcome here.*

UCC Petaluma

Sunday, April 14, 2024

## This Week's Loving Action: Covenant

*A promise to "do or not do" or "say or not say"  
regardless of another's ability or willingness in response.  
Covenants are rarely contractual, "if/then," commitments.*

GATHERING LIGHT

*Jason Howze*

### River Flows in You

SING

#### Wade in the Water

*SLT #210 African Am. Spiritual*

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water, Spirit's gonna trouble the water

See that band all dressed in white  
Love is gonna trouble the water  
The leader looks like an Israelite  
Spirit's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water, Love is gonna trouble the water

See that band all dressed in red.  
Spirit's gonna trouble the water  
It looks like the band that Moses led  
Love is gonna trouble the water

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Wade in the water, Spirit's gonna trouble the water

CALL TO PRESENCE

*Mark Reischling*

*Adapted from "Unless a grain of wheat..." by Malcolm Guite*

One: Oh let us fall as grain to the good earth

**All: And pass away from all dry separation**

One: Die to my sole self, and find new birth

**All: Within that very death, a dark fruition**

One: Deep in this crowded underground, to learn

**All: The earthy otherness of every other**

One: To know that nothing is achieved alone

**All: But only where these other fallen gather**

## UNISON RESPONSE

### Co-creation

*by Joe Thompson, adapted*

Now, as we accept the seeds  
of others' work into the womb of our soul  
Our artwork can be born  
I will not be present for the birth  
Nor will I ever truly know  
what we have brought into the world  
- what it means to you.

## SACRED READINGS

**Isaiah 61:11**

**John 12: 24-25**

**John 14:1-2**

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## TEACHING

## COMMUNION

### For the Beauty of the Earth

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## SING

### Wade in the Water

## BLESSING SONG

### Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas, et amor

Ubi caritas, De-us ibi est

*(Where benevolence and Love are, there is the Divine)*

### **Your Gathering Leaders Today:**

Reader: Mark Reischling  
Accompanist: *Jason Howze*

Bass: Dylan Juhan  
Percussion: Shane Schlick

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**John 12:24-25** “Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal.

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