

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Hope and the Apocalypse**

**Prelude**

**Adam: God be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements – Adam Ericksen**

**Lighting of the Peace Candle – Alison Gary and Adam**

**Adam: Our tradition at CUCC is to light a peace candle at the beginning of each worship service to center ourselves around the Peace of God. Alison will lead us in the liturgy as Gavin lights the candle...**

**Alison: I invite you to join us in lighting the peace candle...**

**All: We pray for peace in our hearts,  
in our homes, in our communities,  
in our nations, and in our worlds.**

**Scripture Readings**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

**\*Call to Worship – Alison**

**Alison: Please join us in the call to worship...**

**Alison: Peter asked Jesus, “How often should I forgive?”**

**All: Jesus said 77 times.**

**Alison: Does that mean we should count and then stop forgiving at 78?**

**All: No. We will keep going.**

**Alison: But why?**

**All: Because God has forgiven us. May we forgive, too. Amen.**

**Special Music – Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Emily Elizabeth Schott**

**Children’s Moment**

**\*Passing of the Peace – Alison**

**Alison: Friends, although we are physically separated as we practice social distance, in reality we are all connected. And so we come to the point in our service where we pass the peace with one another. I invite you to open your palms up like this and imagine yourself connected to everyone watching this livestream as we pass the peace to one another.**

**Alison: Beloved of God, may the peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

### **Invitation to the Offering Adam Ericksen**

#### **Prayers of the People – Adam**

**(After each prayer, Adam will say, “God in your love” and you are invited to respond with “hear our prayers.”)**

#### **Community Prayer and Lord’s Prayer - Alison**

**Our God,  
Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed by thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Sermon – How to Survive the Apocalypse**

##### **\*Unison Benediction – Alison Gary**

**May God bless you and keep you.**

**May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.**

**May God look upon you with kindness and bring you peace.**

**This day and forever more. Amen**

**-Numbers 6:24-26**