

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Jesus the Activist

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

Prelude – Jean Herrera

Welcome and Announcements – Adam

Lighting of the Peace Candle – Abbie, Gavin, and Brayden

Brayden: 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. Gavin will lead us in the liturgy as Abbie lights the candle...

Gavin: 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 – Sharon, Jeff, Lita, Sander, Abbie, and Adam
John 12:20-33

***Call to Worship – Heather and Larry**

Heather: Please join us in the call to worship...

Larry: We come from many different places to gather today,

Heather: For wide is God's welcome, and you are welcome here.

Larry: If you are young, old, or in the middle, you are welcome here.

Heather: If you are black, brown, Asian, or white, you are welcome here.

Larry: If you are single, married, never-married, divorced, or widowed, you are welcome here.

Heather: If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or straight, you are welcome here.

Larry: If you are happy or sad, healthy or ailing, you are welcome here.

Heather: If you are rich or poor, strong or weak, you are welcome here.

Larry: If you need accommodations to participate in worship, you are welcome here.

Heather: If you believe in God some of the time, none of the time, or all of the time, you are welcome here.

Larry: So come, let us worship our welcoming God.

Children's Moment – Adam

***Passing of the Peace – Erika**

Friends, I invite you to join me in the passing of the peace...Close your eyes...breathe...breathe again. Put your hands on your heart. In your mind's eye, imagine the light that is in all of us. Some might call it the Soul or Conscience or Essence or maybe you call it God. Take a piece of that light and hold it close. Now hold out your hands, imagine the light, your light, traveling from your fingers out across the world, like a sun ray. As the rays travel, accept the light that is offered to you, as you offer light, as the light returns to you... Breathe. Breathe again. Hold the light close. May the Peace of Christ be with you...

All: And also with you.

Song: Were You there? – Jeff, Rhonda, and Dave

Invitation to the Offering – Adam

Community Prayer and Lord's Prayer – Amy

**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 – Jesus the Activist - by Amira

***Unison Benediction – Judy
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