

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Jesus Gets Confrontational with Institutional Injustice

Prelude

Adam: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements – Adam Ericksen

Lighting of the Peace Candle – Amira Stanley 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. Amira will lead us in the liturgy as Gavin lights the candle...

Amira: 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

John 2:13-22

***Call to Worship – Amira**

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

Amira: Truth be told, there are many tables that need overturning in our lives...

All: The tables of self-hate, judgment, and criticism.

Adam: The tables of white supremacy, sexism, economic oppression, and Christian nationalism.

All: Like Jesus, may we overturn the tables as we passionately work for a more loving and just world. Amen.

Children's Moment - Adam

***Passing of the Peace – Amira**

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...

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

All: And also with you.

Song: When Jesus Wept – Rhonda, Dave, and Jeff

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 - Amira

**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 Gets Confrontational with Institutional Injustice

Communion – Amira and Adam

***Unison Benediction – Judy Boncaro**

**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***