



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Peace with Justice Church
September 19th, 2021 11:00 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WATCH PARTY HOST

Beth Cole

ONSITE GREETER

Deborah Hayes

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken arr. Lani Smith
Performed by Alaina DeBellevue

WELCOME and GATHERING WORDS Karen Seashore, Worship Leader

MEDITATION

Abide With Me arr. Lee Evans

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 1*

One: What delight it is for us, like trees planted by streams of water, to stand and worship God.

Many: Rejoice! The Lord of Love watches over us.

One: We bring our whole hearts to meditate on God's teachings.

Many: Together we celebrate in God's presence.

One: As one body, we prosper as we praise the Lord our God.

Many: So let us lift our minds and spirits to honor the Giver of Life.

OPENING SONG *What Does the Lord Require of You?* TFWS #2174

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION *Adapted from Prayer of a White Settler by Shannon Neufeldt*

Creator God, we come to you with a humble heart, grateful for Your creation and this place we are in. The land is full of Your glory. Sunlight sparkles on fresh green leaves. Bees buzz as trees change. Dew collects on dandelion leaves, raindrops gather in boiling thunderclouds, a morning sip of lifegiving water deepens our gratitude for the life that teams across Turtle Island. O Creator, perfect Host, Your care and compassion were, and are, echoed in the generous hospitality of the original peoples - Indigenous peoples. But the reciprocal relationships of host and guest have been shattered. And the pain continues. For the death and destruction, we pour out our sorrow in lamentations. It is for these sins of history we seek forgiveness. Cleanse

us of the thoughts and emotions that keep those relationships from healing - wash away the toxic entitlement, prejudiced assumptions, defensive disinterest. O Creator, Faithful Guide, show us the path towards right relations, shape not only our words and deeds, but also, our reactions and thoughts. Open our hearts to the wonder, the beauty, the gifts of the person next to us, even to the one whose culture is so different from our own. Expose our racism; root out our deep-seated fear of change, that we may be healed within, even as we try to be part of the healing of Your world. Creator God, we come to you with a humble heart, grateful for Your creation, this place we are in, Creator God come to us now! Amen.

SHARING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT *Everything Happens to Me* as played by Thelonius Monk, Performed by Alaina DeBellevue

READINGS James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a and *Cry Your Tears* by John Trudell, a Santee Dakota activist, performance artist, actor, and poet

SERMON A Harvest of Righteousness Rev. Nicole

COMMUNAL SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jackie

WORLD PEACE PRAYER *Adapted from the Upanishads*
Oh God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Michael Cox

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We give you but your own, what – e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kin-dom come, your 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

God Be With You, NCH #809