



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Peace with Justice Church
June 13th, 2021 10:00 AM
Third Sunday after Pentecost

GREETER Beth Cole

PRELUDE *Sanctifying Light* by James Southbridge,
Performed by Alaina DeBellevue, Musician

WELCOME and GATHERING WORDS Rev. Jackie Hibbard, Acting
Associate Pastor

MEDITATION *On Reflection* by Max Richter

CALL TO WORSHIP Written by Rev. Margaret Weis, Led by Mike
Martin, Founder of RawTools, Licensed Mennonite Minister

The church is not a place; it is a people.

The church is not a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars.
Rather, it is a people, proclaiming to the world that
we are here, for the work of healing and of justice.

The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by
mortar but rather person, linked with person, linked with person:
all ages and genders and abilities—
a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.

The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,
but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment, of
our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of
new experience and radical welcome.

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

The church is the gathering together of all the people, and
experiences, and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;
gathering, however we can, to say to the world:
welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and
love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together,
a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.

Come, the church is not a place; it is a people. It is us!

OPENING SONG *Just A Closer Walk with Thee*, TFWS #2158

CELEBRATING PRIDE: What does it mean to you that CUCC is an
Open and Affirming church?

SHARING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT *Wonder*, By Natalie Merchant,
Performed by Lee Hamre and Alaina DeBellevue

READINGS 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 and Excerpts from
Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church and
A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans

SERMON By Faith, Not By Sight 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.

A MOMENT FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Rev. Deanna Hollis, Gun Violence Prevention Ministry Coordinator,
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Melody* by Robert Schumann

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