

Southwest Conference UCC Annual Meeting Worship

hosted by

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

10/04/2020, 9 am AZ / 10 am NM & TX

Gathering Song

Get Together (#1 below)
Diane & Lisa Van Deurzen-Otey

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrer-Peacock
Rev. Dr. Randy Mayer

Lighting of Candles

*You are invited to light a candle for God's Spirit at home
and to type your prayer request in 'Chat'.*

Welcoming Song

People Get Ready/One Love (#2 below)

Call to Worship

Good Shepherd Youth

One: When winds rage, thunder peals, and lightening explodes; when mountains smoke and floods overwhelm,

Another: When innocents die or are lynched, when marches roll on, when canisters detonate and gas burns,

One: When fear turns to terror, when we want to or need to stand at a distance, when the walls close in and the waiting seems almost unbearable,

Another: When we come apart from the world and gather as your people whatever the method, whatever the time, God says:

ALL: Do not be afraid. I am with you. I have seen the affliction of my people and heard their cries under those who oppress them. Now I have come down to rescue them. I will lead you out, I will bring you through!

We Rejoice

Go Make a Difference (#3 below)

Opening Prayer

Good Shepherd Youth

One: God of all who wander in a wilderness, we worship you as I AM - always with us. Lead us through all danger. Sustain us through all anguish and devastation. Knit us together in mission and purpose and bring us into the future you envision for us as your people. Amen.

Time for Remembering

Honoring SWC clergy who await us on the other side.

Special Music

We Are Not Alone
SWC Virtual Choir

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
John 16:33 (The Message)

Rev. Deris Rice
Rev. Dr. Rebecca McElfresh

Word for All Ages

Chicken Time with Rhonda Newby-Torres

We Pray

Keep On Moving Forward (#4 below)
Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrler-Peacock

Message for Our Day

Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons

Music For Reflection

Pablo Peregrina

Invitation to the Offering & Dedication Prayer

Rev. Rock Fremont, SWC Moderator

One: Giving ourselves to God in worship includes sharing our resources for God's work in the world. Your gifts to your local church, to the Neighbors in Need special offering, and to the Southwest Conference's Racial Justice fund are all ways we can be sure our neighbors live their best lives, and doing that means we will live our best lives. Thank you for sharing your resources and blessings generously!

Many: **Made one in Christ, one with each other, one with every person in every land who comes to your table, we offer our gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Offertory

Build the World
Rev. Tracy Howe-Wispelwey

World Communion Celebrationⁱ

Rev. Dr. Rebecca McElfresh
Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrler-Peacock
Rev. Dr. Randy Mayer
Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons

BARB: *God is with you!*

Many: ***And also with you!***

REBECCA: *Lift up your hearts.*

Many: ***We lift our hearts to God.***

RANDY: *Let us give thanks to the One always with us.*

Many: ***Thank you, God, for everything!***

REBECCA: *Creating God, long ago you chose to start something new. From your choice came all that exists – land, water, air – and life!*

BARB: *In the past, and in these days, we've tried to understand how to be in relationship with other people and other peoples, with the earth and its plants and creatures, with ourselves, and with you. Sometimes we have done a good job of listening, of loving, of being in covenant and relationship. Sometimes we haven't.*

Many: ***We are sorry, God. Please help us to open our ears, open our eyes, open our hearts and minds, so that we can hear your voice, the needs of the earth and of all living things, so that we can speak those needs and live in your love.***

BILL: *When our ancestors made mistakes, you sent them guides to help them on their way – priests and prophets, teachers and healers, grandmothers and grandfathers, – who called them back to the way of love. In Jesus you are with us to guide us, to forgive us, to save us from ourselves.*

RANDY: *Jesus, laughing with ones who laughed, crying with ones who cried, you learned and modeled what it means to be a faithful one in the Creator's world. You taught others with stories of seeds and sowers, of bushes and birds, how to love, how to be faithful in relationships, and how to enjoy the best possible life we can live by giving others the best possible lives they can live. And people afraid of that, and of you, lynched you.*

REBECCA: *On the night before that happened, you gathered with your closest friends and family for a meal much like this one. You took bread, blessed and broke it, and said, "Blessed are you, Sovereign God of the Universe, who brings forth grain from the earth." You shared the bread with everyone at the table, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Each time you eat it...remember me."*

Many: ***Blessed are you, Sovereign God of the Universe; everything you have made is blessed.***

BARB: *You took some wine, poured it into a cup, and said, "Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine." You shared the cup with everyone at the table and said, "Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is my forever promise to you and to everyone, sealed by my lifeblood. Each time you drink, remember me."*

Many: ***Blessed are you, Sovereign God of the Universe; every person is blessed and sacred.***

BILL: *Come, Holy Spirit, upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us Christ's body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Amen.*

Communion Song

At This Table (#5 below)

Into the World (*benediction*)

Rev. Dr. Randy Mayer

Closing Song

Lead With Love (#6 below)

The Community Scatters

Thank you!

We deeply appreciate the contributions of our liturgy participants. Thank you...

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Rev. Dr. Rebecca McElfresh

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Pablo Peregrina
Rev. Rock Fremont
Rev. Tracy Howe-Wispelwey

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Today's Song Lyrics

#1 Get Together by Chet Powers

Love is but a song we sing
And fear's the way we die.
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why.

C'mon people now, smile on your brother,

Everybody get together, try to love one another right now.

Some may come and some may go
And we shall surely pass.
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last.
We are but a moment's sunlight
Fading in the grass.

C'mon people now, smile on your sister,

Everybody get together, try to love one another right now

If you hear the song I sing, you will understand.

You hold the key to love and fear

All in your trembling hand

Just one key unlocks them both

It's there at your command

C'mon people now, smile on each other

Everybody get together, try to love one another right now.

C'mon people now, smile on each other

Everybody get together, try to love one another right now.

Right now, right now

#2 One Love/People Get Ready by Curtis Mayfield/Bob Marley

One Love! One Heart!

Let's get together and feel all right.

Hear the children cryin' (One Love!);

Hear the children cryin' (One Heart!),

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right;

Let's get together and feel all right

People get ready, there's a train a-comin' (One Love!)

You don't need no baggage, you just get on board (One Heart!)

All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming

You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

One Love! One Heart!

Let's get together and feel all right.

As it was in the beginning (One Love!);

So shall it be in the end (One Heart!),

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right;

Let's get together and feel all right

People get ready for the train to Jordan (One Love!)

Picking up passengers from coast to coast (One Heart!)

Faith is the key, open the doors and board them

There's room for all among the loved and lost

One Love! One Heart!
Let's get together and feel all right.
One Love! One Heart!
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right
One Love! One Heart!
Let's get together and feel all right.
One Love! One Heart!
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right
Let's get together and feel all right

#3 Go Make a Difference by Steve Angrisano

Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

#4 Keep On Moving Forward by Emma's Revolution

Gonna keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward
Never turning back, Never turning back
Gonna keep on loving boldly
Keep on loving boldly.....Keep on loving boldly
Never turning back, Never turning back
Gonna reach across our borders
Reach across our borders.....Reach across our borders
Never turning back, Never turning back
Gonna keep on moving forward
Keep on moving forward.....Keep on moving forward
Never turning back, Never turning back

#5 At This Table by Idina Menzel & Jonas Myrin

At this table everyone is welcome

At this table everyone is seen

At this table everybody matters

No one falls... between

At this table you can say whatever

At this table you can speak your mind

At this table everything's forgiven

There's enough for everyone.....

So come as you are

Remember that the door is always open

Yes come as you are

The perfect gift that you could bring is your heart

So come, come as you are.

At this table there will be no judgement

At this table mercy has a seat

At this table we're all sons and daughters

There's no place I'd rather be

So come as you are

Remember that the door is always open

Come as you are

The perfect gift that you could bring is your heart

Come come as you are

Come as you are

At this table everyone is welcome

At this table everybody cares

At this table everybody matters

So come pull up a chair

#6 Lead With Love by Melanie DeMore

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

Don't give up hope (don't give up hope)

You're not alone (you're not alone)

Don't you give up (don't you give up)

Keep movin' on (keep movin' on)

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

Lift up your eyes (lift up your eyes)

Don't you despair (don't you despair)

Look up ahead (look up ahead)

The path is there (the path is there)

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love

I know you're scared (I know you're scared)

And I'm scared too (And I'm scared too)

But here I am (But here I am)
Right next to you (right next to you)
You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love
You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love
And lead with love
And lead with love
And lead with love

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