



Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
A Peace with Justice Church
February 28th, 2021 10:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *Come Ye Disconsolate* arr. Penny Rodriguez,
Performed by Alaina DeBellevue, Musician

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cal Kemper, Worship Leader

MEDITATION *Reverie* by Claude Debussy

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 32

Let all God's people come! From wherever you are, in whatever shape you are in, come! Together let us lift our voices, let us open our hearts, let us widen our spirits to our God. Our ancestors remind us that the Divine will teach us and show us the way to go. Let us listen and follow. Let all God's people come!

SONG *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, The New Century Hymnal #126

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Written by Ann Siddall

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that You have walked before us. Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRY Honoring our United Church of Christ ministers in covenant with Community UCC: Erv Bode, Dr. Tim Brown, Karen Howe, Cal Kemper, Robinson Lapp, Kayrene Pearson, Peter Terpenning, Harriott Quin, Rich Williams
*Ordainable Pending Call, Julie Kies

SHARING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT *Be Still, my Soul* arr. Laure Bergquist, Performed by Alaina DeBellevue

READINGS Mark 8:31-38 and Excerpts from The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

SERMON Dying to be Free Rev. Nicole
Spiritual Practice: Lectio Divina

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 Cal Kemper

OFFERTORY *Safe in His Arms* by Terry Osman

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.

CLOSING SONG *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*, The Faith We Sing #2129

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *God Be With You*, The New Century Hymnal #809