

Community United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation • A Peace with Justice Church
September 27, 2020 10:00 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING Laura Terpenning and Beth Willman, Greeters

PRELUDE *Weep No More* by Dave Brubeck Alaina DeBellevue, Musician

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Holtz, Worship Leader

MEDITATION *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Jeanette Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP By Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

Jesus told the fishermen,

Come, follow Me.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well,

Come, follow Me.

Jesus told the tax collectors despised by their neighbors,

Come, follow Me.

Jesus told the women working on the streets,

Come, follow Me.

Jesus told the poor, the orphans, the widows, and the lost,

You are beloved in the kingdom of God.

Jesus told the sick and the disabled and the beggars,

Your faith makes you whole and good.

Jesus tells us that no matter who we are, he needs us,

And that we belong to the kingdom of God.

Come, follow Jesus.

SONG *Seek Ye First*, The United Methodist Hymnal #405

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Adapted from words By [Loretta Williams](#)

God of what is and what is not yet, we, bearers of the dream, affirm that a new vision of hope is emerging. We pledge to work for that beloved community in which justice will be actively present. We affirm that there is struggle yet ahead. Yet we know that in the struggle is the hope for the future. We believe that we are co-creators of the future, not passive pawns. And we stand united in affirmation of our hope and vision of a just and inclusive society. We affirm the unity of all persons: We affirm a kinship that allows us to touch upon each other's humanity. We affirm a unity that opens our eyes, ears, and hearts to see the different but common forms of oppression, suffering, and pain, to see Christ in one another. Yet we are one in the image of God, and we celebrate our hopes for human

unity. Within ourselves and within the gathered community, we will discover the strength not to hide in indifference. Affirming that hope, publicly expressed, energizes and enables us to move forward. Together we pledge action to transcend barriers — be they racial, political, economic, social, or religious. We pledge to make our dreams for tomorrows become our todays. God of what is and what is not yet, be among us here and now. Amen.

SHARING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT *Spanish Love Song* performed by Lynne Andrade and Beth Cole

READINGS *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou, read by Michelle Diane, Tri-Chair with the Colorado Poor People's Campaign

Psalms 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-4 and Excerpts from [Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches](#) by Audre Lorde

SERMON Do Battle Where We are Standing 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.

JUSTICE OFFERING Michelle Diane, CO PPC

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Michael Holtz

OFFERTORY *Day By Day* arr. Benjamin David Knoedler

STORY FOR ALL AGES Heather Bowler and Janet Hoaglund

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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, The New Century Hymnal #593

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *God Be With You* NCH #809

Seek Ye First

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D Al - le - lu - ia, G Al

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D le - lu - ia, Em7 A7 D F#m Al - le -

righ-teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

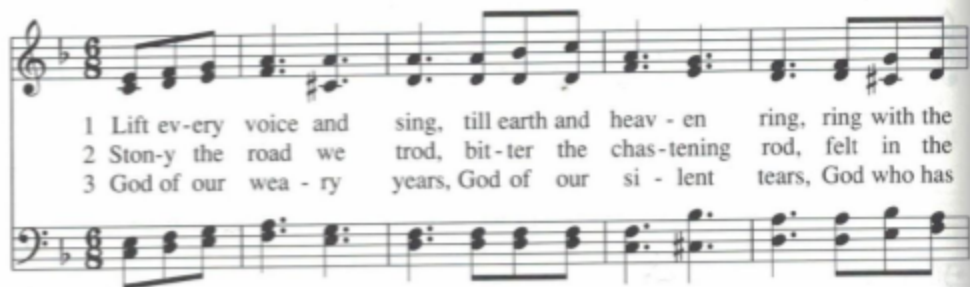
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lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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o-pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

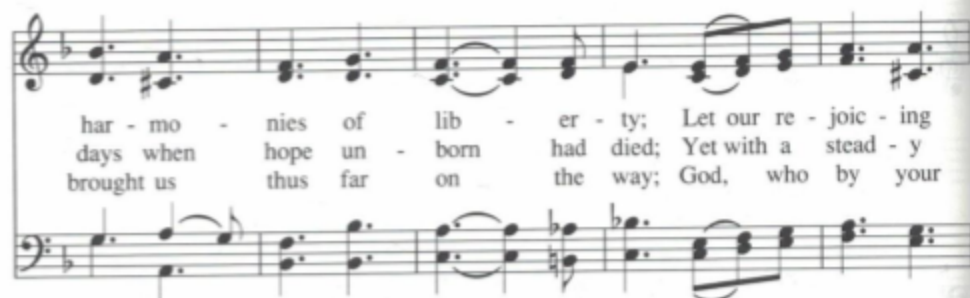
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MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972
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SEEK YE
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Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.


1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your



rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

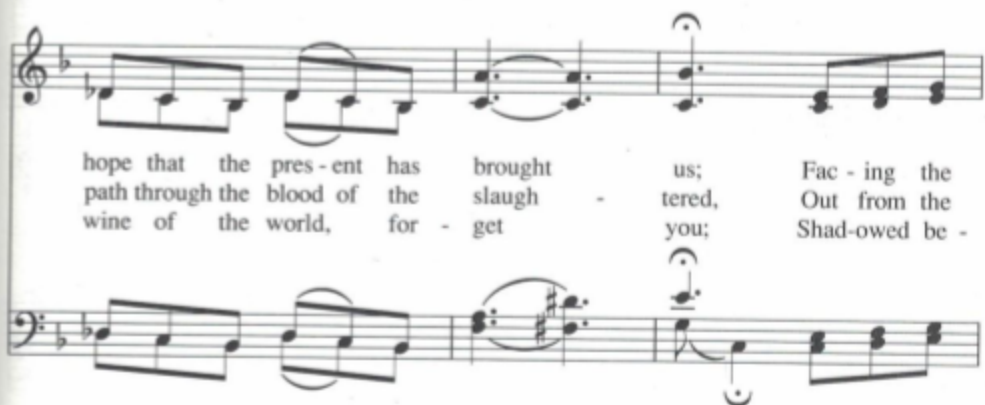


roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE, 1921



faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad-owed be -



ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our



on till vic - to - ry is won,
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

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Announcement deadlines

e-news: Tuesday 10:00 AM Sunday bulletin: Thursday 10:00 AM
ECHO: 27th of each month 12:00 PM

Staff Contact Info

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Heather Bowler, *Director of Progressive Christian Education*, is regularly available on weekday mornings. Contact her to schedule a meeting. She can be reached at 773-727-0206 or pce@cuccboulder.org. For questions or information regarding the Youth Groups, please contact Heather.

Alissa Kuster, *Office Administrator*, is available by appointment Tue-Thur 9-2 and Fri 10-3, 303-499-9119 or office@cuccboulder.org

If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev. Nicole or Rev. Jackie by phone or email. Prayer requests are confidential and are prayed for actively and intentionally every day by the prayer ministry team. If your request is for the Pastors only, please indicate in your message. You may also add your prayer request into the comments section of any of the streamed or recorded worship services. Currently, there are nine prayer partners on the team. If you wish to become a prayer partner, please contact Nicole or Deborah Hayes at 303-494-4458, hayesd@colorado.edu. Everyone is welcome to participate.

WELCOME TO Community United Church of Christ Sunday, September 27th, 2020

<u>This Week</u>		
Today	8:30 am	Taizé Service
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School on the Lawn
Tuesday	7:30 am	Breathing Space
Wednesday	7-8 pm	Bad Girls of the Bible Virtual Study
Thursday	7:30 am	Breathing Space
	10-11 am	Community Office Hours Zoom
<u>Save the Date</u>		
October 8th	10-11:30 am	Small Group Meeting
October 8th	6-8 pm	CUCC Council
October 17th	1:30 pm	CROP Hunger Walk
October 18th	11:15 am-12:30 pm	Semi-Annual meeting

Thank you Greeters!

Laura Terpenning and Beth Willman

CUCC Announcements

Bad Girls of the Bible Study

Wednesday September 30th 7-8 p.m. on Zoom

What patriarchal functions do the stories of women in the Bible serve? Do these stories coincide with feminist/womanist experiences? How have the stories set the tone for women throughout history? These are just some of the questions we will start to explore in this introductory session using *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. Whether you are familiar with the Bible or not, please come and join in on the discussion. No prior reading is necessary. Register with Alissa to receive the link: office@cuccboulder.org

CUCC's Semi-Annual Meeting on Zoom, 10/18/20

11:15AM - 12:30PM

You are invited to CUCC's Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 following our church service. We have business matters to share such as budget plans, updates from the Structure Committee and Vision 2020. More importantly, we want to hear your questions and hopes/visions for CUCC! We plan to make this meeting a creative sharing experience on Zoom as we navigate new pandemic times as a church. Moderator, Janet Hoaglund

Seed Collection October

October 17 from 9 to 12 is the date we have set for our next seed collection project. We will be organizing a multi-generational event with Boulder County POS. A reminder about COVID protocols: one car per household, wear a mask and bring gloves, social distance, and bring your own snacks and water. The group will be limited to 9 volunteers. If you are interested, please get back to me with names of who will come, ages, email, and phone contact. My email is peterk218@gmail.com and phone is 303 817-4044. Peter Kleinman

Symposium on Spirituality and the Environment, November 8th

Click [here](#) for an informative poster on this event.

Just Us to Justice Offering

The September "Just Us to Justice" Offering will be for the Colorado Poor People's Campaign (CPPC). They are currently organizing to address the needs and rights of the poor in our state through systemic changes. In pre-pandemic times they would pass a basket at their meetings to raise funds for their basic operating expenses. This is no longer happening of course, so their need is high! As always, you can send a check with CPPC in the memo line or you can send a note with your PayPal donation. For more information on how to designate your donation see the [9/23 e-news](#). If you're not sure if your message went through, send an email to Andy Young, our financial secretary, at finsecretary@cuccboulder.org.

Proposed amendments to bylaws

Council will be voting on proposed amendments to the Bylaws on October 8. These were drafted by the Structure Committee. The process requires notice to the Congregation prior to the meeting to allow for comments and input. The proposed

amendments affect every Commission and Committee. In some cases, the proposal only adds term limits, membership numbers, and the requirement that each group create a set of guidelines regarding that group's activities. The latter will provide a roadmap for future members of that group. For others, the role is clarified and in some cases expanded. A more complete explanation of the proposed amendments and the proposed language was included in the E-news this week. If you missed it, click [here](#). Trude Kleess, who is a member of the Structure Committee, will field any questions and pass input onto Council to take into consideration. Please email her at aukpuffin@sprynet.com.

CUCC has a New PO Box Address

Due to mail tampering, we ask that you send all CUCC mail to our new PO Box address:

Community UCC
PO Box 3646
Boulder, CO 80307

Please check that all doors at CUCC are closed tightly when you are leaving the building. If you see something, say something!

CUCC remote lending library is growing

There are 62 books plus hymnals available at our temporary location in Central Boulder. This collection includes books for children, teens, and adults. New titles are [The Source of Self-Regard](#) (Toni Morrison) and [The Sun Is Also a Star](#) (Nicola Yoon). Contact Barbara Willis via email (bhwillis@gmail.com) to order a book. She will check it out to you and leave it on her patio for pick up. Click [here](#) to see what may be available.

Would you like a hymnal all to yourself and support CUCC while you do it?

Check out [CUCC "in a box"](#) which includes a customized hymnal, a votive, a CUCC coffee mug, some chocolate, colored pencils and a notebook. Pastor Nicole will personally deliver this to members in Boulder County!

WANT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED? CCC CAN MAKE THAT POSSIBLE!

CCC has placed labeled bins on the church patio so anytime that is convenient you can drop off donations:

1. **CLOTH MASKS** for detainees at the ICE detention center in Aurora
2. **SOCKS AND TOILETRIES** for the homeless
3. **WATER BOTTLES** for Attention Homes to distribute to homeless teens on the street. We welcome either clean gently used or new bottles.

We continue to accept financial donations for our appreciation projects for the **BOULDER MANOR** staff. You can send them to the church, labeled Boulder Manor. Many thanks to all who are moved to help through one or more of our projects.