

**Peace UCC**  
**January 17, 2021**  
**Dreaming Peace**

**Prelude** How Can I Keep From Singing?" Robert Lowry/arr. John Carter  
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**Welcome**

**Opening Words** Christine Rohloff

One: When we worship in our building or on Zoom

**Many: We are the church**

One: When we work for justice and peace

**Many: We are the church**

One: When we work so our neighbors have what they need to thrive

**Many: We are the church**

One: When we advocate for education and health care for all

**Many: We are the church**

One: When we provide abundant hospitality, inclusive of all

**Many: We are the church**

One: When we hear God's voice and answer the call to justice, kindness, shalom

**Many: We are the church**

**Opening Response** "Dream On, Dream On" Hae Jong Kim/Sunk Yung Lee

**Invocation** Worship Ways

**O God, all people are your Beloved,**  
**across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations**  
**and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.**  
**We are all manifestations of your image.**  
*We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality*  
*and tied to a single garment of destiny.*  
**You call us into your unending work**  
**of justice, peace and love.**  
**Let us know your presence among us now:**  
**Let us delight in our diversity**  
**that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.**  
**Strengthen us with your steadfast love and**  
**transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action.**  
**Under the shadow of your wings in this hour**  
**may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.**  
**We ask this, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **The Witness of Music** Dee Ban

"Step by Step" arranged by Pete Seeger and Waldermar Hills

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"Singing for Our Lives" Holly Near

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## **Reading**

### **Jeremiah 8:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> How can you say, 'We are wise,  
and the law of the Lord is with us',  
when, in fact, the false pen of the scribes  
has made it into a lie?

<sup>9</sup> The wise shall be put to shame,  
they shall be dismayed and taken;  
since they have rejected the word of the Lord,  
what wisdom is in them?

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I will give their wives to others  
and their fields to conquerors,  
because from the least to the greatest  
everyone is greedy for unjust gain;  
from prophet to priest  
everyone deals falsely.

<sup>11</sup> They have treated the wound of my people carelessly,  
saying, 'Peace, peace',  
when there is no peace.

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Ben Sanders

**Hymn** NCH #391 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayer**

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **How Shall We Join God's Work in the World**

Gracious God, we give thanks.  
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

## **Closing**

**Postlude** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
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