

**Peace UCC**  
**January 31, 2021**  
**Dreaming Peace**

**Prelude** "Children's Medley" Mark Hayes  
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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" Text: Hae Jong Kim  
Tune: Sunk Yung Lee

**Prayer of Invocation** Terence Elwyn Johnson (Adapted)

**Eternal God, parent of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship, be with us God. Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness, that we may grow and serve in ways of trust, compassion, and purposeful living. Be with us God. Amen**

**The Witness of Music** Nancy Wamser  
"Dream God's Dream" Bryan Sirchio  
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**Readings**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13a**

God said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And God said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the HOLY ONE." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'

Samuel did what God commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the HOLY ONE; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely God's anointed is now before the HOLY ONE.' But God said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the HOLY ONE does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the HOLY ONE looks on the heart.'

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has God chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has God chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'GOD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'

He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. God said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of God came mightily upon David from that day forward.

### **Mark 10:13-16**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** "Do Not Turn Away the Children" Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
Tune: Beach Spring

### **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** "Children of the Heavenly Maker" arr. Carol Tornquist  
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