

Peace UCC
September 19, 2021
What is the dream? (Vision and Mission)

Prelude Handchimes
"The Journey Begins" Sandra Eithun
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: We gather together this morning as a community filled with energy and purpose

Many: we hold the dream

One: We do not know where God is leading but we trust in God's steadfast love and faithfulness as we move along.

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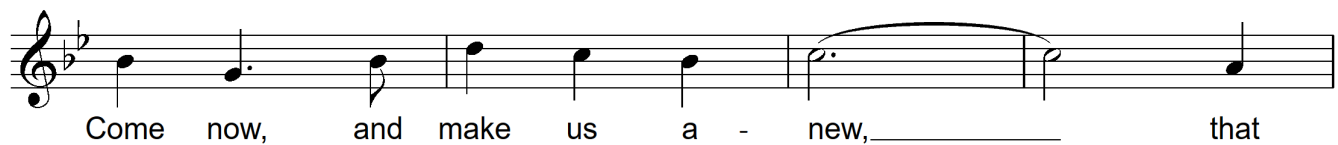
One: No matter where we find ourselves on the path – rocky or smooth - we know that we are never alone. We belong to God and God will never fail us.

Many: we hold the dream

One: And so we prepare ourselves for worship with hearts filled with conviction and hope, ready to join God's work in the world.

Many: we hold the dream

Opening Response "Let Justice Roll Like a River" Marty Haugen



Prayer of Invocation adapted from Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Amen

The Witness of Music Handchimes
 "Inner Peace" Sandra Eithun
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Reading:

Micah 4:1-5

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that God may teach us God’s ways
and that we may walk in God’s paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Holy One from Jerusalem.

God shall bring justice to many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;

and they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the Holy One has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,

each in the name of its god,

and we will walk in the name of the Holy One our God
for ever and ever.

Peace UCC Vision and Mission

Our Vision:

Creating a radically inclusive, just, compassionate and sustainable community mobilized toward comprehensive well-being.

Our Mission:

Peace United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, lives out the radical teachings of Jesus and works in solidarity with all to achieve well-being, justice and equity for God’s creation.

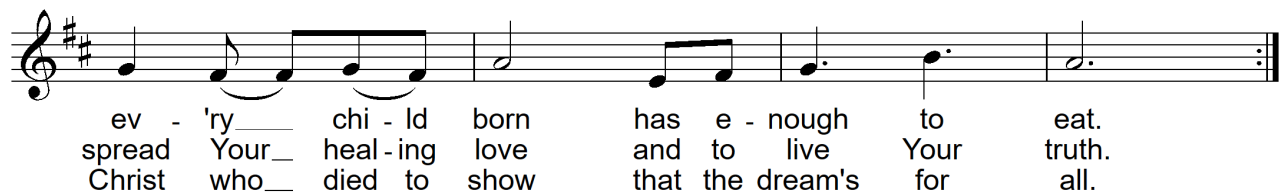
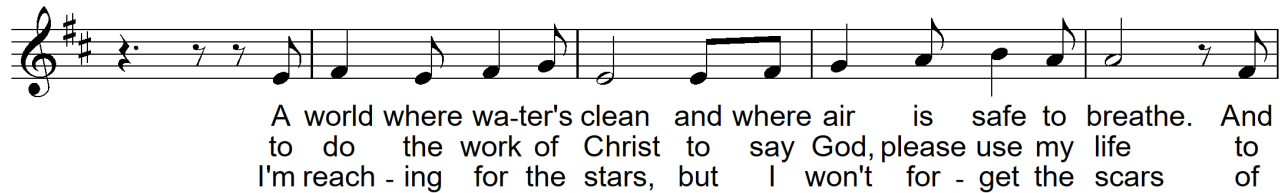
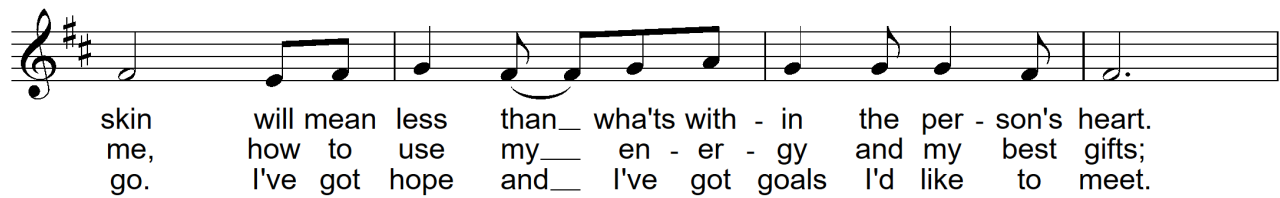
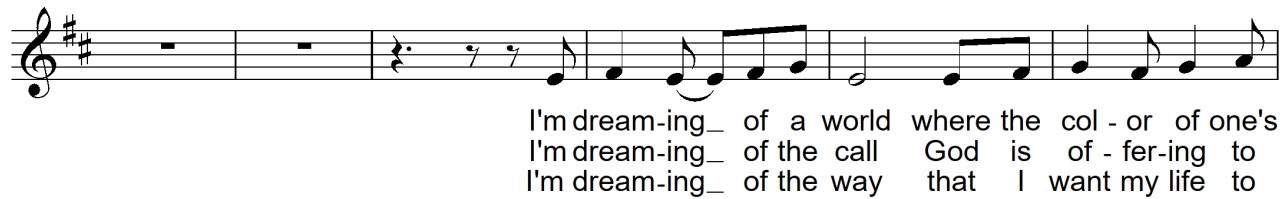
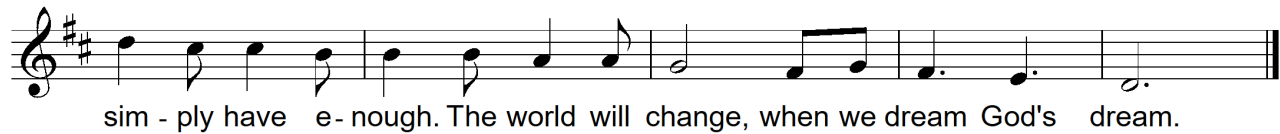
For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen

Stewardship Moment

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Dream God's Dream" Bryan Sirchio

Refrain



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 and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song" Lani Smith
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