

Peace UCC
October 3, 2021
How shall we participate? Part One – caring for our community

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble

"Come Thou Almighty King" Felice de Giardini
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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.

Many: we hold the dream

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.

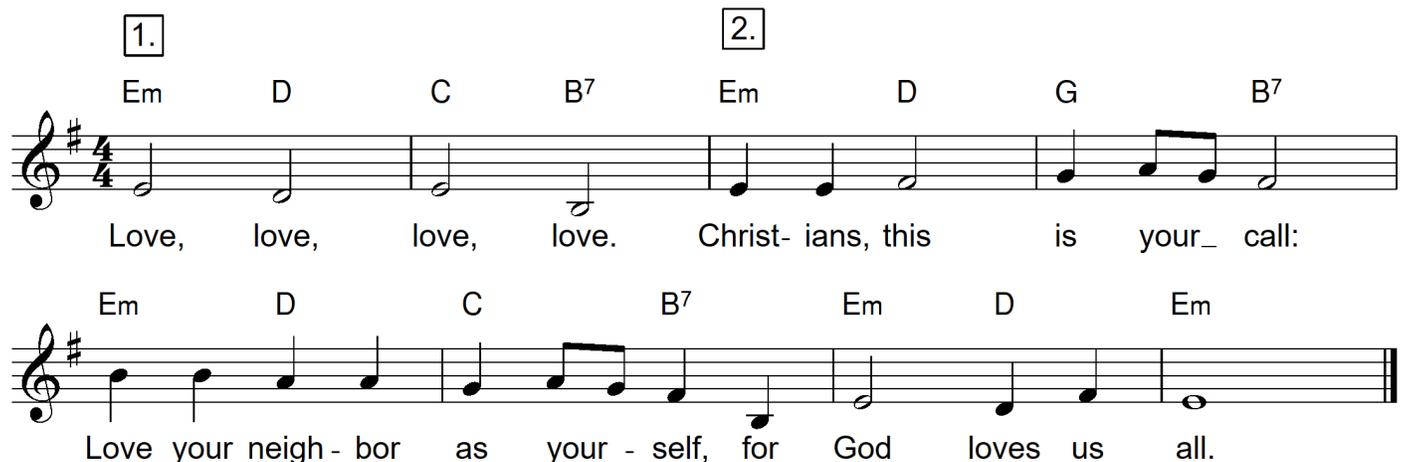
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One: And so we prepare ourselves for worship with hearts filled with conviction and hope, ready to join God's work in the world.

Many: we hold the dream

Opening Response "The Love Round" Traditional

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Em D C B⁷ Em D G B⁷

Love, love, love, love. Christ-ians, this is your_ call:

Em D C B⁷ Em D Em

Love your neigh- bor as your - self, for God loves us all.

Prayer of Invocation adapted from Ruth C. Duck

God of the open door; we thank you that you receive us as we are and call us to welcome one another. Through you Spirit of holiness, open wide our hearts and break open your word, that you may inspire and guide this time together. Through image and movement, sound and story, may we honor your presence in our lives and in one another. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

The Witness of Music

Instrumental Ensemble
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Wesly Hanson
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Readings:**Leviticus 19:18**

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Holy One.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking**By Emily Dickinson**

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Jesu, Jesu"



Je - su, _____ Je - su, _____ fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you



Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
Neigh-bors are rich _____ and poor, var - ied in col - or and
These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them. _____
race, neigh-bors are near _____ and far _____ a - way. _____
love; all these are neigh-bors to us _____ and you. _____
deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have _____ from you. _____
feet, this is the way we should live _____ with you. _____

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.

Communion

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking

that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. 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 Instrumental Ensemble
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" Joseph Bamby
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