



Silent Meditation

Now if I hear the sound of the genuine in me
and if you hear the sound of the genuine in you
it is possible for me to go down in me and come up in you.
So that when I look at myself through your eyes having made that
pilgrimage, I see in me what you see in me
and the wall that separates and divides will disappear
and we will become one
because the sound of the genuine makes the same music.

~Howard Thurman

*"The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to
pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist.
Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever
you find it, including in yourself.
And it's the only way forward."*

~Ijeoma Oluo

HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2019

Prelude

Kathleen Smith

Welcome and Announcements ✕

Nancy Ellett Allison

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

*(Please pass the information pads so that all worshippers
might have the opportunity to sign them)*

Opening Voluntary

Kathleen Smith

* Call to Worship

Kim Buch

One: We gather in this place, where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated, compassion is expected.

**Many: We gather in this place so that we may extend ourselves
beyond our own little worlds.**

One: We gather in this place because together we make it a holy
place with our every act of worship.

**Many: We gather in this place to celebrate the richness and diversity
of life in the presentness of God.**

One: We gather in this place to hear those stories which reveal the
reign of God.

**Many: We gather in this place to learn how to serve our God without
reservation or hesitation.**

One: We gather in this place so the Eternal God, may write a new law
of love on our hearts.

Many: We gather in this place to become the people of God!

* Passing of the Peace

Kim Buch

One: Let us now greet one another as a sign of peace, for the peace
of Christ is here to stay.

Many: Thanks be to God!

* *All rise, in body or spirit* ☩ *Sing Response* ✕ *Hymnals located below pews*

1. Crown with your rich-est crowns the Lamb up-on the throne;
Hark! How the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own,
A-wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you,
And to your ris-en Sav-ior bring your thanks for life made new.
2. Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Cal-vary’s road to Christ the glo-ri-fied.
The sun that lights the sky is pale be-fore that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys-ter-ies so bright.
3. Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri-umphed o’er the grave
And rose vic-to-rious in the strife, this fal-len world to save.
Christ’s glo-ries now we sing, Christ’s name we mag-ni-gy,
Who died e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep-tre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
Christ’s reign shall have no end, for ‘round those wound-ed feet a
fra-grant gar-den shall ex-tend for-ev-er green and sweet.
5. Crown Christ who holds the years, em-brac-ing space and time,
Cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in-ef-fa-bly sub-lime:
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For you have died for me:
Your praise shall nev-er, nev-er fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

“Beautiful Things”
by M. and L. Gungor

**All this pain, I wonder if I’ll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all.**

**All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?**

**Chorus: You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust;
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us.**

**All around, hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos, life is being found in You. (Chorus)**

You make me new, You are making me new...

Children's Message

Nancy Ellett Allison

(Following the Children's Message, pre-schoolers go to extended care and those in kindergarten through fifth grade to Children's Church.)

Walk with Us

Phil Kaveler

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4

Fred Robinson

The spirit of the Living God is upon me,
because the Living God has anointed me;
and has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Living God, to display God's glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: Thanks be to God. Open our ears, our hearts, our minds.

Special Music

"We Shall Not Give Up the Fight"

Chancel Choir

Blessing our CROP Walkers & Pastoral Prayer

Nancy Ellett Allison

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 4: 14-30

Nancy Ellett Allison

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, (Jesus) went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Living God is upon me, because the Sprit has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And (Jesus) rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then (Jesus) began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.” ’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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Sermon

“When Good News Enrages Church Folk”

Velda Love

Offertory Invitation

Fred Robinson

Offering Music

Kathleen Smith

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

☩ Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above all heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Offertory Dedication

Fred Robinson

* Hymn 593

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn has died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by your might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

* Benediction

Velda Love

* Benediction Response

NEW DIMENSIONS

φ God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey,
now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Postlude

Kathleen Smith

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

PLEASE SIGN OUR ATTENDANCE REGISTER

WELCOME to all who worship today at Holy Covenant! Guests and members, please sign an attendance register and then pass it back to its starting point, taking note of who is worshipping near you and greet them.

WELCOME REV. DR. VELDA LOVE

Dr. Velda Love joined the UCC as Minister for Racial Justice in 2017. Her ministry is to help the church live into its vision of building a just world for all. Prior to joining the UCC, Love taught at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago as an adjunct professor and served North Park University as the director of intercultural justice and learning for 16 years. Love earned her bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University in 1990, and a master's from North Park Seminary in 2006. In 2016 she earned her D.Min. from Chicago Theological Seminary.

ATTENTION SINGERS! ADVENT REHEARSALS BEGIN TODAY

Bridget Green is excited to be working with you again this Advent Season. Join us today from 12:30-2 and each Sunday into December (with the exception of 11/17).

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASSES, OCTOBER 27

Classes for those wishing to become members or wanting to learn about HCUCC or the United Church of Christ as a denomination are being scheduled for this fall. Please contact JoAnn Jellison, joannjellison@yahoo.com if interested.

WILL YOU WALK WITH US ON THE WAY?

"I am the Way" comes from John 14:6, referencing the commitment we make to walk in the ways of Jesus. Your support in this Stewardship Campaign will transform our future and our ability to be the people of God. Walk with us into a new future by sharing with us your financial commitment. If you haven't pledged, please do so soon to help in the budget planning process for 2020, but no later than October 27. Place your commitment card in the offering plate or email your pledge to office@holycovenantucc.org.

CROP HUNGER WALK, OCTOBER 20

Give to make a difference in world hunger! Thank you to Phil Kaveler, Shirley Moder, Linda Carver, and Jim Hong and Tina Dickens for participating in the CROP HUNGER WALK today. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already done so. 25% of the funds will be used in our local area. Donations should be given to one of the walkers. **Please make checks out to CROP.**

HCUCC LABYRINTH WALK, OCTOBER 27

Walk Holy Covenant's beautiful labyrinth Sunday, Oct. 27, 12:45 p.m., accompanied by harp music and Veriditas-trained labyrinth facilitator Janet Hince. Space is limited. For more details and to reserve a spot, communicate with Kristin Andes, Kjandes@aol.com.

SOJOURNERS CLASS - NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sojourners continue to discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. All are welcome to join us at 9:45 in the Conference Room and no preparation is necessary.

SAVE THE DATE: ALL CHURCH WORK DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9 AM

INTERIM SEARCH TEAM

Our Interim Search team includes Micki Spear, chair, Debbie Davis, Joy Decker, Jeff Edwards-Knight, Jim Hong, Terry Raley-Dennis, Von McQueen-Simmons and Dawn Schmitz. This team will receive resumes and interview potential candidates to serve as the Intentional Interim Pastor for Holy Covenant. The candidate chosen for this position will NOT be eligible to serve as the settled pastor of Holy Covenant. Contact Micki Spear at southpaw311@gmail.com if you have any recommendations to offer.

REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP - KEEP IT SIMPLE!

You can use the link below to sign up, and you can still sign up on paper if you prefer. <https://tinyurl.com/hcuccsnacks2019>

BACKPACK MINISTRY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Holy Covenant has committed to help provide specific food items for children of David Cox Elementary School who need our help. Each Friday

the children receive a backpack filled with protein, vegetables, soup, starches, fruit, breakfast items, and a snack to take home with them. We are partnering with University City United Methodist Church to provide these food items. Please see the suggested donation items listed on the shopping cart in the gathering area. Please put **ONLY** these items in this cart.

TRAVELING? BRING YOUR UNUSED TOILETRY ITEMS

Don't toss out those unused soaps and shampoos. *Don't let housekeeping do it either!* Bring your unused items here and we'll make sure they get to someone in need. Look for the little blue box in the Gathering Room. *Gracias! Merci! Mahalo!*

WE COULDN'T PROVIDE OUR WARM WELCOME WITHOUT THE HELP OF:
Elder for October: Robert Shepherd, rshepvided@att.net or 704-618-1322

Deacons for October: Lisa Sherman, Ed Vickery

Greeters: Eileen Howe, Lisa Sherman

Ushers: Tom Magraw, Chris Edwards, Suzanne Lamorey, Kelly Gimlin

Media: Brian Hankins, Lisa Cloninger

Tabulators: Alice Phelan, Terry Raley-Dennis

Refreshments: Alix Felsing, Kathi Smith, Lisa Cloninger

Recyclers: Suzanne Lamorey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Mike Yonkovig and Dana Endsley in the death of his father, Michael M. "Mickey" Yonkovig (Robert Shepherd)

Frank & Charlotte Carbone, Kevin Decker, Linn Finger, Julie Klever, Helen Lambert, Karen Long, Irene Mikkelson, Melissa Noll, Sue & Bill Pascucci, Isabelle Reedy Powell, Deb & Yvette Ross, Mamie Stokes

Friends & Family Members

Ray Adams (Linda Burby), Mary Ruth Edenfield Beatty (Donna Collins), Ann Ebright (Julie Klever), USMC Jesus K Estevez (Donna Collins), Scott Gleditsch (Barb Schneller), Alma Gordon (Kevin & Joy Decker), David & Cecelia Griffin (JP Griffin), Faye Grumbles (Linda Clark), Will & Addie May Hong (Jim Hong), Marilyn Lafferty (Kim Tyler), Bob Lyon (Melissa Noll), Amy Madden (Robert Shepherd), Ron Mann (Robert Shepherd), Carolyn Marshall (Linda Clark), Thibault Ossenbühl (Melissa Noll), Roshani Parikh (Nishi Griffin), Joe Robinson (Bill & Kim Tyler), Jack Ross (Anne Findlay-Chamberlain), Rev. Jeanette Salley (JoAnn Jellison), Ken & Evelyn Sell (Robert Shepherd), Deborah Selmer (Kathleen Wagner), Irene Sharpe (Robert Shepherd), Luz Soto (Aida Marcial), Gene Sullivan (Jason Sullivan), John Teague (Donna Collins), Dorothy Underwood (Keith & Cheri Dennis), Kathryn Vickery (Ed Vickery), Gary West (John Rapp), Wanda Williams (John Rapp)

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