



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

2 October 2022 – 10:30 AM  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**A Service of Universal Peace**

*\*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.  
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.*

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PRELUDE

Lori Rivera, vocals

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from the Sufi tradition

One: Toward the One, the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty,

**All: The Only Being,**

One: United with all the Illuminated Souls,

**All: Who form the embodiment of the Mystery, the Spirit of Guidance.**

\*GATHERING SONG

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'r'y, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kin'dom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in in and make us your own;  
Gather us in – all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone**

\*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN

children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**

May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**

May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**

May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**

May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

AN ORDER OF UNIVERSAL WORSHIP

Indigenous Tradition

Lakota Prayer

**Now I walk in Beauty  
Beauty is before me  
Beauty is behind me  
Above and below me**

Hindu Tradition

Bhagavad Gita 17:2&3

**Jaya Guru, Jaya Guru Deva [x4]  
Tava Sharanam, Mama Sharanam [x2]**

Buddhist Tradition

Sayings of the Buddha

**Om Mani Padme Hum**

Jewish Tradition

from Genesis 15:1-7

**Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul. [x2]  
Return to who you are, return to what you are,  
Return to where you are, born and reborn again.  
Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul. [x2]**

Christian Tradition

from Luke 17:5-10

**Dona Nobis Pachem [sung in a round]**

Islamic Tradition

Quran 2:2-5

**La illaha illa Allah hu  
Mohammed rasul Allah.**

Sufi Tradition

Sayings of Hazrat Inayat Khan

**I come from a Perfect Source and I'm bound for a Perfect Goal.  
The light of the Perfect Being is kindled in my Soul.  
I live and move and have my Being in God, in God.**

REFLECTIONS

Gitanjali Lori Rivera

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**  
(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**  
**Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,**  
**Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.**

(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**  
(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**  
**Amen, amen, amen, amen,**  
**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

[www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving](http://www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving)

Offertory Music

*I Just Can't Give Up Now*

Curtis Burell

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather at  
the front of the sanctuary for the Communion prayers.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Distribution Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Faith*

Stevie Wonder