

Welcome to Jazz Sanctuary



Baptism
Clementine Hunter, 1950s
Oil on board 18 × 24 in.
Crystal Bridges Museum

A self-taught artist, Clementine Hunter painted many narrative scenes reflecting her life in Louisiana. This painting is of a baptism at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, where she worshipped most of her life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please send any announcements for the bulletin or weekly Enews to the Secretary (secretary@concordsfirstchurch.org) by **9am Thursday morning**. Please include the exact wording of how you would like the announcement to appear. Any information received after 9am will be included in the following week's bulletin and Enews. Thank you!]*

Weekly Prayers for the Nation: Join Rev. Renee' for a weekly hour of prayer for our nation on Zoom. Wednesdays at 1pm. Zoom link is in the weekly E-News and in the calendar on the website.

NEW Website: Please visit and explore at www.concordsfirstchurch.org.

Reminder: We will no longer be live-streaming our worship services on Facebook. Go to **Youtube.com/ConcordsFirstChurch** to watch the services live.

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Jazz Sanctuary
"The Restless Beauty of the Beatles"
Sunday, November 16th, 2025

Welcome and Introduction of the Theme

Lighting the Advent Candle: The first candle - Creator
Introduction to Celtic Christian 40 days of Advent
Unison Prayer

**We kindle our fire today, in the presence of the holy angels of heaven.
Without malice, without jealousy, without envy; but the Child of God to
shield us. God, kindle Thou in our hearts within, a flame of love to my
neighbor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kindred-all.**

Jazz Set

Can't Buy Me Love (Used with Permission)

Blackbird (Used with Permission)

Ticket to Ride (Used with Permission)

Here Comes the Sun (Used with Permission)

Something (Used with Permission)

All You Need Is Love (Used with Permission)
Love, love, love (x3)

There's nothing you can do that can't be done
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung
Nothing you can say, but you can learn
How to play the game
It's easy

Nothing you can make that can't be made
No one you can save that can't be saved
Nothing you can do, but you can learn
How to be you in time
It's easy

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need

Love, love, love (x3)

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need
Nothing you can know that isn't known
Nothing you can see that isn't shown
There's nowhere you can be that isn't where
You're meant to be
It's easy

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need

Love is all you need (love is all you need) (x4)

Introduction of Musicians and Deacons

Scripture in Many Voices (Jeremiah 5:21-22; Psalm 107:23-32)

Emilia: Listen, O foolish, senseless people

Tim: You with the eyes that do not see and the ears that do not listen

Band: Have you no respect at all for me? The Lord asks...

Deacons: How can it be that you don't even tremble in my presence?

Congregation: **I set the shorelines of the world by perpetual decrees, so the oceans, though they toss and roar, can never pass those bounds.**

All: **Isn't such a God to be feared and worshiped?**

Congregation: **Some of you set sail in big ships; you put to sea to do business in faraway ports.**

Band: Out at sea you saw God in action, saw his breathtaking ways with the ocean

Emilia: With a word he called up the wind - an ocean storm, towering waves!

Congregation: **You shot high in the sky, then the bottom dropped out; your hearts were stuck in you throats, you were spun like a top, you reeled like a drunk, you didn't know which end was up.**

Deacons: Then you called out to God in your desperate condition;

Band: God got you out in the nick of time.

Deacons: God quieted the wind down to a whisper,

Band: And put a muzzle on all the big waves.

Congregation: **And you were so glad when the storm died down, and God led you safely back to harbor.**

All: **So thank the Eternal for the Divine's marvelous love, for miracle mercy to the children God loves. Lift high your praises when the people assemble, shout HALLELUJAH when the elders meet!!**

Coming Into the Embrace of Beauty: by John O'Donohue

Emilia: The ocean surface is incessantly restless with every conceivable crest and blister of water.

All: **Yet the ocean maintains poise.**

Emilia: However and wherever it throws itself, it never falls outside of itself.

All: **It can spread and scatter every which way, yet it is always held within the shelter of the one rhythm.**

Sharing our Offerings of Beauty

Song:

Hello, Goodbye (Used with Permission)

You say, "Yes", I say, "No"

You say, "Stop" and I say, "Go, go, go"

Oh no

[Chorus] You say, "Goodbye" and I say, "Hello, hello, hello"
I don't know why you say, "Goodbye", I say, "Hello, hello, hello"
I don't know why you say, "Goodbye", I say, "Hello"

I say, "High", you say, "Low"
You say, "Why?" And I say, "I don't know"
Oh no [Chorus]

Why, why, why, why, why, why, do you
Say, "Goodbye, goodbye, bye, bye?"
Oh no [Chorus]

Agape Feast

Call to the Feast

Prayer of Adoration:

Living God, you are present in our midst and we praise you. You are tearing down walls of alienation and exclusion. For this, we praise you because, in Jesus, you have shown us a way of hospitality, simplicity, prayer, peacemaking, and resistance. Because your Spirit makes a new path for us, as we struggle to live in the shadow of doubt and fear. Weak as we are, you fill us with hope. Lover of our souls, you give us joy and we praise you. Amen.

Signs & Symbols

Song: And I Love Her (Used with Permission)

Reading: "Walking the Fish" from *The Magic Lamp* by Ben Okri

Song Imagine (Used with Permission)
Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky

Imagine all the people
Livin' for today
Ah

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too

Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace
You

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man

Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You, You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

Reading: "The Restless Beauty of the Ocean"
from *The Invisible Embrace of Beauty* by John O'Donohue

Song Taxman (Used with Permission)

Conversational Time:

For many of us, both Beatles music and the ocean have powerful associations in our memory banks. Would you like to share some memories triggered by the Beatles or the sea?

Song Help (Used with Permission)
(Help) I need somebody
(Help) not just anybody
(Help) you know I need someone
Help

When I was younger, so much younger than today
I never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone
I'm not so self assured
Now I find I've changed my mind
I've opened up the doors

[Chorus] Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
And I do appreciate you being 'round
Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won't you please, please help me

And now my life has changed in, oh, so many ways
My independence seems to vanish in the haze
But every now and then I feel so insecure
I know that I just need you like
I've never done before [Chorus]

When I was younger, so much younger than today
I never needed anybody's help in any way
(Now) But now these days are gone
I'm not so self assured
(And now I've found) now I find I've changed my mind
I've opened up the doors [Chorus]

Prayer (by Tim Wildman)

Lord's Prayer (translated from the Aramaic by Neill Douglas-Klotz)

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us - make it useful. Create your reign of unity now-through our fiery hearts and willing hands. Help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures. Animate the earth within us: we then feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all. Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other. Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back from our true purpose. Out of you, the astonishing fire, returning light and sound to the cosmos. Amen.

Time of Gratitude & Passing the Peace

Benediction (created by Pastor Emilia using ChatGPT)

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Sending Music:

The End (Used with Permission)
Oh yeah, all right
Are you going to be in my dreams
Tonight?

And in the end
The love you take
Is equal to the love you make