

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HARVARD

United Church of Christ

January 16, 2022 10:00AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: "Renewal is what happens when you realize that some of this stuff you've been carrying around doesn't matter." — Rob Bell

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the "I Have a Dream" speech by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King)

One: And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children

All: black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics, and Protestants

One: will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual

All: "Free at last, free at last; Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

OPENING HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

NCH #489

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

O God, all people are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love. Let us know your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love. May we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us the pray, Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

NCH #759

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSIVE READING based on Psalm 36:5-10

One: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

All: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

One: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

CHORAL OFFERING "Rest"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 11:28-30

Mark 6:30-32

SERMON Rev Larry Ferris

ANTHEM "Hear My Prayer"

PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

DOXOLOGY

NCH #780

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace; praise God for gifts of joy and love

Praise God for sending Christ to dwell, on earth for us — Emmanuel. Amen.

COMMISSIONING

One: We have gathered today to worship our Lord Jesus Christ

All: And we have heard the call to rest in God whom we honor

One: Let us seek and dwell in the restful place that lies within us

All: So that we can go forth renewed in mind, heart, body, and soul

CLOSING HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

NCH #473

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Arnold Bradley (Dennis Bradley's father)
Ebit
Stacia Kraft
Father Joaquin
Harriet Perry
Charlie Gorss
Arline Marteney
Karl Kreeb
Bill Davies
Stan Tuttle
Phil Davies

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder: Worship will continue to be held via Zoom through February 6. The link is emailed weekly or can be found on our website.

From the office: The office will be closed Monday in observance of MLK, Jr. Day.

Beginning Tuesday January 18, Susan will be working remotely. The easiest way to be in touch is via email.