What is the future we want to create together? This is the question that has dominated our time together for the month of January. Even MLK Sunday with folk artist Pablo Peregrina gave us a glimpse of a future of freedom, equality, justice and peace.

Today you are invited to join the conversation about the future we want to create together. There are seeds for a new Vision Statement in our beloved Covenant. Get in touch with what excites you about our future.

January 27, 2019
WELCOME to Shadow Rock United Church of Christ! We do our best to live out our core values of inclusion, justice and spirituality. We are glad you are here and we hope we can be partners in your journey.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Strengthening Connection**

**Coming Together**
(Please stand if you are comfortably able)

Sans Cameron

One: It is good to be alive!

All: To share life with each other in this wonder-filled and evolving universe.

One: We are most grateful.

All: May wisdom dawn in us so we may see all things in clarity.

One: Let us sing. May the unity of our voices remind us we belong to God and to each other.
Singing Our Faith

God is still speaking, blessed invitation,
God is still speaking, listen and draw near,
God is still speaking, see a new creation,
God is still speaking, stand and do not fear.

All creation groans and yearns.

God is still speaking.
Seek the way that life returns.

listen and draw near.

Through our broken, wounded earth,

God is still speaking.
God can bring new seeds to birth.

Stand, and do not fear.       Refrain

To the ones enslaved, oppressed,

God is still speaking.
God is here in human dress.

Listen and draw near.

When the poor and lost are found,

God is still speaking.
When the mighty are cast down,

Stand, and do not fear.       Refrain
In the bleak and hopeless hour,
God is still speaking.
Love is telling truth to pow’r.
Listen and draw near.
Tho’ the nations rage and fight,
God is still speaking.
Hear the Word of breaking light.
Stand, and do not fear.  Refrain

Our Covenant
Liz Curry

We covenant one with another to be that sensitive and responsive part of human society which perceives and responds to God’s newest thrust in the midst of history. The uniqueness and greatness of every life is radically affirmed. Our task together demands a comprehensive view of life, always pointed intentionally to the future. Our life together involves us individually and corporately in study and worship, always maintaining a proper balance between proclamation of the Word about life with the deeds which make life good. Those activities which eliminate age barriers, cut across religious dogma, reduce cultural parochialisms, and engage secular people with life’s ultimate possibilities will be worthy of our best efforts.
Passing the Peace
Sans Cameron

One: In this day made fresh may we embrace this day in hope.
All: Let us embrace each other in peace.

Singing Our Faith

Those Who Wait On the Lord
by Stuart Hamblen

1. Those who wait on the Lord
   Shall renew their strength.
   They shall mount up on wings as eagles.
   They shall run and not be weary.
   They shall walk and not faint.
   Help us Lord,
   help us Lord, in thy way.

2. Those who love the mystery......

3. Those who live the risen life.....

4. Those who serve the suff’ring world......

5. Those who die on the march......

6. Those who wait on the Lord......
Learning Something of Value

Word About Life With a Conversation with Rev. Robin Krieder

- Graduate of Whittier College
- Masters of Theology from Claremont School of Theology
- Part of core group involved in startup of Shadow Rock
- Ordained by Shadow Rock in 1976 (same day as groundbreaking for SR)
- Developed comprehensive Imaginal Education models for Shadow Rock children
- Helped develop and teach 20+ Contemporary Theology classes for adults.
- Wrote several blocks of children’s curriculum for United Church of Christ
- Staff liaison for creation of Festival Garden
- Involved in interfaith ministries in Phoenix
- Led group of Shadow Rockers on extended tour of Israel
- Managed Distance Learning program at Motorola University
- Favorite aunt of several amazing kids

What We Need and What We Give

Vision Statement Group Exercise

Invitation to Give
Sans Cameron

One: For our community gathered here and for the spirit that called us together and brought us to this place:

All: We give thanks this day.
One: In response to the word reflected on let us give of ourselves and our offerings for a celebration of faith.

**Offering for Thanks, Work and Hope**  
Cornerstone Chorale

**I Would Light a Candle**  
by Joyce Eilers

**Dedication of Our Offerings and Ourselves**

(Please stand if you are comfortably able)

Sans Cameron

One: With faith in the creative powers of life,

**All:** With hope for the future of life in this world,

One: With love for all others who share this life with us,

**All:** Let us go forward together in peace.

One: These are the times

**All:** We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

**All:** May we love all
and serve all!

One: May God be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

One: Amen.

**All:** Amen.
Sending Forth Song

Trees of the Field

Traditional

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
The trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
While you go out with joy. (Repeat faster)

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