



**Shadow
Rock UCC**

JESUS AND POP CULTURE

2019

JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT

Why is Jesus all over the Internet?

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About This Year's Journey of the Spirit

American culture is awash in images and ideas about Jesus, who he was, what he said, and how he lived. How do we engage with the Christ images that are in the cultural water in which we swim? Journey of the Spirit this year is an opportunity to look freshly at how Jesus shows up in the contemporary imagination.

Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Crazy Love

By Van Morrison

Greetings and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman



Strengthening Connection

Call to Worship

Please stand if you are comfortably able ~ Led by Karen Richter

One: We gather this morning, acknowledging that all of life can be a lesson to us if we allow it. We acknowledge that our community feels a special call to interact with meaning and intention with art and culture.

All: **We gather this morning, acknowledging that our covenant asks us to set aside times of worship and study.**

One: Journey of the Spirit is a time to study!

All: **Our gatherings will lead us through strange places: technology, story and myth, the magic of cinema and music.**

One: May this time together in worship and study open our eyes to the meanings, the values, and theologies of the culture all around us.

All: **May our Journey of the Spirit enliven us all and bring us grace.**

Singing Our Faith

Circle of Friends

by Jim Manley

1. Come and sit together in a circle of friends
Be at home, be at peace, be at rest.
Come and sit together in a circle of friends,
Sitting in a circle is best.

Chorus

Laugh (echo), **cry** (echo), **live** (echo), **die** (echo),
Hello (echo), goodbye (echo),
And God make us a circle of friends.

2. Once when it was night and he sat with them at supper
He told them that this feast was the beginning and the end.
And he made the bread his body and he made the
 wine his blood
And he gave them to his circle of friends.

Chorus

3. Somewhere it is morning and the church fills up
 with sunlight.
The Spirit's in the music and the word is on the wind.
There is fire on the table and the bread and wine
 are speaking.
And God makes us a circle of friends.

Chorus

Centering Prayer

Led by Karen Richter

The Prayer of Jesus (*Sung Responsively*)

Our Creator in heaven
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen

Learning Something of Value

A Word About Life

Luke 8.28-35

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.

(For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Musical Interlude

Shared by Our Great Band

What We Need and What We Give

Celebrations

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives:
birthdays, anniversaries, words of kindness
and works of peace and justice.

Celebration Song

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and
reap the seeds of change
From deep within the Earth.

It is time now; It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well.
It is time now
And what a time to be alive
In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love

Invitation to Give

Shared by Karen Richter

Hear this invitation to compassion and generosity of
spirit: we give to express our support for inclusion,
justice, and spirituality, in this place and beyond.

Offering and Offertory

'Sing Joy' by Mac Huff

Shared by The Cornerstone Chorale



Words for Mission

Please stand if comfortably able ~ Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: With faith in the creative powers of life,
With hope for the future of life in this world,
With love for all who share this life with us,

**All: Let us go forward together in peace to
continue lives of grace-filled service.**

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 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Melody by Johann G Nageli Words by John Fawcett

1. Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life
Is like to that above.
2. We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
A sympathizing tear.
3. When we are called to part,
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

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