



**Shadow
Rock UCC**

JESUS AND POP CULTURE

2019

JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT

***What Jesus did we bring with us from
childhood ... and is he worth keeping?***

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A Vision for Journey of the Spirit

Have you ever noticed those bumper stickers that say, "Not Of This World?" It's an expression of a particular kind of Christian faith ... a wayfaring stranger whose true home is heaven. We are invited to think differently, to have a comprehensive view of life, to stay grounded in values while engaging with the culture around us. This year's Journey of the Spirit is an opportunity to strengthen our culture-engaging muscles!

Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Greetings and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Strengthening Connection

Call to Worship

Please stand if you are comfortably able.

Led by Joyce Schneider

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 balance work and word, worship and study.**

One: Journey of the Spirit is a time to refine and refresh that balance!

All: **Our gatherings will lead us to new questions around childhood memories, assumptions, and generalizations.**

One: May this time together in worship and study open our eyes to the meanings 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

Companions On the Journey

by Carey Landry

Chorus

**We are companions on our journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life.**

**In the love we bear is the hope we share
For we believe in the love of our God.
Yes, we believe in the love of our God.**

1. No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's house,
We are blest and we are nourished,
By the love we all can share. **Chorus**
2. Although the journey may be rocky,
Although the way's not always clear,
We will share God's love a-plenty,
With all people far and near. **Chorus**

Centering Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

Led by Joyce Schneider

Loving and Creating Parent,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
Amen!

(adapted from the Gospel of Luke in *The Message*)

Learning Something of Value

A Word About Life

Matthew 19:13-15

Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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.
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Invitation to Give

Shared by Joyce Schneider

Our celebrations continue as we give our resources. In
giving, we acknowledge the abundance of Creation.

Offering and Offertory

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

Let the Children Come

By Mark Burrows

Words for Mission

Please stand if comfortably able.

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: While some speak of unwavering faith, we strive for resilient faith! This week, may our childlike hope for a future of love and justice be refreshed.

All: Let us go forward together with peace and determination to continue lives of grace-filled service. May our actions be part of that hoped-for future for the planet.

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Traditional Spiritual

Chorus

**Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
'Til I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Chorus

The Jordan river is chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
It runs to heaven and then right back.

Chorus

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