



**Shadow
Rock UCC**

JESUS AND POP CULTURE

2019

JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT

***When does pop culture get Jesus right?
When instead does pop culture infuse
Jesus with the worst of our values?***

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A Prayer for Journey of the Spirit

Enlivening Spirit, we are looking with fresh eyes at the trappings of culture all around us. Help us employ a spirit of wisdom and discernment, taking from culture that which strengthens and encourages us and leaving behind parts of our culture which exclude and marginalize. In all this, may we lean on our spiritual family and commit to journeying peacefully together. Amen.

Prelude

By Van Morrison ~ Shared by Our Great Band

Moondance

Greetings and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Strengthening Connection

Call to Worship (please stand if you are comfortably able)

Led by June Miner

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 about our engagement with culture. We might ask, "Will the real Jesus please stand up?"**

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

She Flies On

By Gordon Light

Chorus

**She comes sailing on the wind,
Her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night;
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

1. To a humble girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
Like a whisper softly calling in the dark.
The promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end;
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Chorus

2. Flying to the river, she waited circling high
High above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
then she carried him away in her embrace.

Chorus

3. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
After dawn returned in blaze of rising sun,
The spirit touched the earth again,
again her wings unfurled,
Bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.



Centering Prayer

Led by June Miner

The Prayer of Jesus

Sung responsively, led by Forrest Bachtel

Learning Something of Value

A Word About Life

Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 8:19-21

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

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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in love.



Mission Moment for the Shadow Rock Foundation And Invitation to Give

Shared by Marilyn Rampley and Libby Banks

We pause in gratitude to give of ourselves. May all givers and all gifts be used to further the ways of peace and justice.

Offering and Offertory

Children of Peace

By Matthew Brymer

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

Words for Mission

Please stand if comfortably able.

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: This week, may we strive to set aside childish ways, while living into childlike awe and wonder. This week, may we walk in ways that bring hope to ourselves and to others.

All: This week, let us go forward together in determined hope, giving of ourselves for the good of all.

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

I'm Gonna Sing
Traditional

1. I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing,"
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing,"
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "Sing"
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.
2. I'm gonna love...
3. I'm gonna work...



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