



**Shadow
Rock UCC**

JESUS AND POP CULTURE

2019

JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT

***Jesus, King of Culture:
Is there any escape from the Jesus
depicted in American culture?***

April 7, 2019

A Prayer About Jesus in Popular Culture

Spirit of Life, Enlivening and Greening One: We are so grateful that nothing—nothing! even our culture, media, and politics— is beyond your power to refresh and make new. Enter today into our hearts that we might see clearly and act wisely.

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 Barbara Zaborowski

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: **This morning we ask ourselves again and in new ways about Jesus of Nazareth. Who is he in the United States in 2019? Who is he to us? Who might he become?**

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

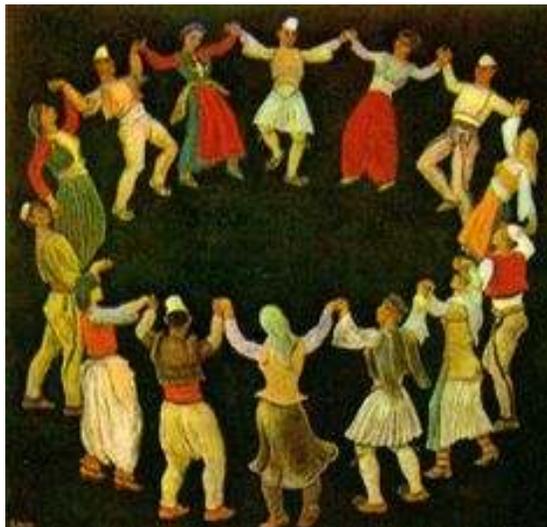
Dancing Sarah's Circle

Words by Carole Etzler, Traditional Spiritual

We are dancing Sarah's Circle
We are dancing Sarah's Circle
We are dancing Sarah's Circle
Sisters, Brothers, All.

Here we seek and find our story
Here we seek and find our story
Here we seek and find our story
Sisters, Brothers All.

On and on the circle's moving
On and on the circle's moving
On and on the circle's moving
Sisters, Brothers, All.



Centering Prayer

Led by Barbara Zaborowski

The Prayer of Jesus

Sung responsively, led by Forrest Bachtel

Our Creator

In heaven

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

On earth as it is 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 Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory,

Forever, amen.



Celebrating Community With One Table

Welcome to the Table

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Welcome to the Table of Jesus. At this table we give thanks for inclusion, justice, love, peace and freedom.

All: At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers together in community in this safe place.

One: We give thanks for the unfolding of matter, mind, intelligence, and life that has brought us to this moment in time.

All: We celebrate our common origin with every thing that exists.

One: We celebrate the mystery we experience and address as 'God', ground and sustainer of every thing that exists, in whom we live and move and have our being.

All: We acknowledge this mystery embodied in every human person, aware that each one of us gives God unique and personal expression.

One: God is everywhere present: in grace-filled moments of sharing and in carefully created communities of loving solidarity. We are one with everything, living and nonliving, on this planet; connected, interrelated, interdependent.

Remembering Our Shared Story

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: We remember the stories from our tradition... How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends. He created community by sharing bread and wine.

All: For everyone born, a place at the table!

One: We are mindful how the bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared between them.

All: And all of them ate.

One: We remember how some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed between them.

All: And all of them drank.

One: We imagine this time of sharing as a time of sharing concern, conversation and celebration.

All: The bread and the wine symbolized human lives interconnected with other human lives, and the power of giving and receiving.

One: May the passion for life as seen in Jesus enable us to dare and to dream and to risk...

All: Together may we re-imagine the world.

One: Together may we work to make all things new.

Inviting Servers and Everyone to Share

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Please come forward because all are welcome.

We offer gluten-free bread at the station closest to the pulpit. Our offering for the communion baskets is dedicated to the UCC National Offering One Great Hour of Sharing. See the insert in today's Nuggets for more about this special fund.

Prayer of Thanks

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Divine Presence in all of life, we give thanks that we have gathered together in this sacred place.

All: **We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here. We are grateful for who we are for each other. May we continue to be truly thankful.**



Learning Something of Value

A Word About Life

John 15: 12-15

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Revelation 1: 12-18

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Human One, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

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 Barbara Zaborowski

Having received so much, we pause to give. We give in
gratitude, knowing that the Spirit of Life blesses all gifts
and all givers. May today's gifts go to work in the world,
advancing the cause of peace.

Offering and Offertory I Don't Know How to Love Him
By Andrew Lloyd Webber

Words for Mission

Please stand if comfortably able.

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzleman

One: Our time in community continues, as we chat, walk down the hill together, and share bits of our lives with one another. May we treasure our ties of friendship and community this week.

All: Let us go forward together lighting the world with hope! May our actions lighten the burdens of others.

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

This Little Light

Traditional Spiritual

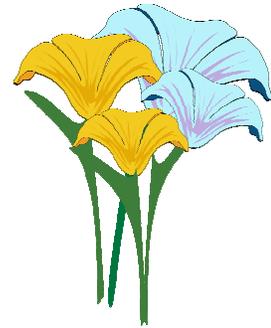
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Journey of the Spirit: Easter Happenings

4/14 Palm Sunday Service at 10:15 a.m.

4/18 Maundy Thursday*
Footwashing and Mass
6:15 p.m. in the chapel



4/19 Good Friday*
Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. in the Labyrinth
Mass
6:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

4/20 Holy Saturday*
Easter Vigil
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

4/21 Easter
Sunrise Service
6:00 a.m. in the Festival Garden
Hospitality
7:00-9:30 a.m. in Smith Hall
Children's Egg Hunt
9:45 a.m.
Worship
10:15 a.m.

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