

REMEMEMBER



THANK

QUESTION EVERYTHING.

(Why?)

May 26, 2019

Welcome to Shadow Rock United Church of Christ on this Memorial Day weekend. The front cover of our bulletin is a recognition that we bring many different kinds of awareness to our observance of Memorial Day.

Welcome

Memorial Day was first known as "Decoration Day" with the purpose of honoring the dead after the Civil War. There are many stories and songs about the origins of Memorial Day from both the North and South, but the main point is about communities coming together to honor the members of their community who gave their all. Through these acts of remembering and giving thanks, there is healing and reconciliation.

Today we remember; we give thanks. And, being true to Shadow Rock's cutting edge spirit, we give ourselves permission to question authority, and the motives of authority, that would send our neighbors, friends and family in harm's way. Our remembering and thanksgiving can move us to greater civic responsibility. We are called to better stewardship of the lives of our fellow citizens who are called upon to serve.



We take a "comprehensive view of life" and celebrate all that life is.

Gathering Music
Walt Nielsen and Nadine Shank

Paquito D'Rivera

Greeting and Announcements
Rev. Ken Heintzleman

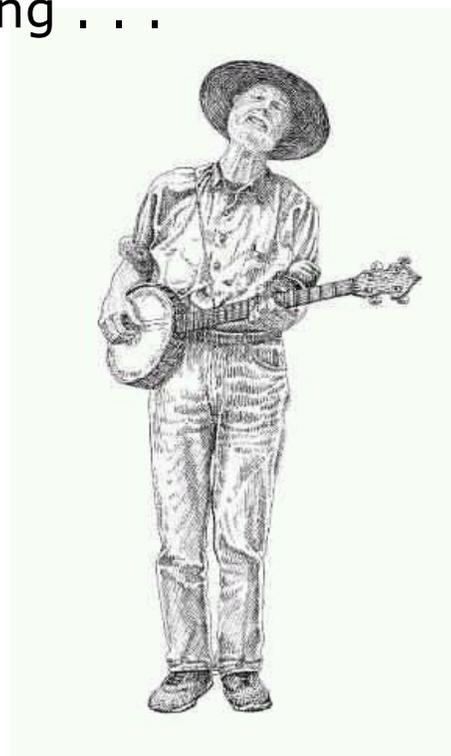
The Gathering of Spirits With Song

Hammer Song

Please stand if comfortably able

Music by Pete Seeger
Words by Lee Hayes

1. If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning,
I'd hammer in the evening all over this land.
I'd hammer out danger. I'd hammer out warning.
I'd hammer out love between
 my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.
2. If I had a bell, I'd ring in it the morning . . .
3. If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning . . .
4. Well I've got a hammer,
and I've got a bell,
And I've got a song to sing
all over this land.
It's the hammer of justice.
It's the bell of freedom.
It's a song about love between
my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.



The Feeding of Spirits with a Word about Life

Wisdom Reading

Jeremiah 6

“Pour it out on the children in the street
and on the young men gathered together;
both husband and wife will be caught in it,
and the old, those weighed down with years.

¹² Their houses will be turned over to others,
together with their fields and their wives,
when I stretch out my hand
against those who live in the land,”
declares the LORD.

¹³ “From the least to the greatest,
all are greedy for gain;
prophets and priests alike,
all practice deceit.

¹⁴ They dress the wound of my people
as though it were not serious.

‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.

¹⁵ Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?
No, they have no shame at all;
they do not even know how to blush.

So they will fall among the fallen;
they will be brought down when I punish them,”
says the LORD.

This is what the Lord says:

“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.

Centering Prayer
Shared by Kathy Mikkelson

We are Always Part of the Other
by William L. Wallace

We are always part of the other
And the other is part of our-self
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

An oppressor dwells in each victim
And oppressors have victims within
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

In the light remains hidden darkness,
In the darkness remain rays of light
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

In our joy remains buried sorrow
In our sorrow there still lives the joy
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

In each puzzle lie all the answers,
In each answer a puzzle remains,
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

All the many contain the one Way,
In that Way all the others reside,
For nothing is as simple as it seems.

All beginnings lead to their endings,
From all endings beginnings emerge,
Yes nothing is as simple as it seems.

So let's worship life's woven patterns
Through embracing all life's sacred grace,
The myst'ry on which every heart can feed.

A Litany for Memorial Day

Led by Rev. Liana Rowe

One: We pray that we may learn to love one another.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We remember those who have loved us enough to lay down their lives for us and pray that they may rest in peace.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that you would comfort all those who mourn the loss in war of a loved one.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that we may never take the freedoms we have for granted and will share them with others.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that you will remove greed, envy, and lust for power and control from our hearts and the hearts of all people.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that you will root out racism, sexism, and violence from our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that we may learn to share the world's resources with all and not hoard them for ourselves.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that we may learn to wage peace so that no more people will die in war.

All: God, hear our prayer.

One: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, trusting in the promise that whatever we ask in Christ's name, you will give.

All: Amen.

Meditation Music shared by Nadine Shank
Nocturne # 17 A Flat Major: Liebeslied Ohne Worte (Love-song Without Words) by Jackson Berkey

The Sharing of Spirits **Through Our Celebrations and Our Gifts**

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

Celebration Song

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Now we too can live anew, Alellu, Alellu!
Live in Love need all we do. Alelluia!

Alellu! Alellu! Everybody sing Allelu
For the Lord has risen it is true,
Everybody sing Alellu!

Giving Thanks with Our Offering

Led by Kathy Mikkelson

We give these gifts as an act of celebration. And we celebrate our own new life, and the worldwide proclamation of the good news to all people, everywhere.

Offertory

Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye

Music: Our Great Band and Forrest Bachtel

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

Words for Mission

One: Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world...

All: Amen. May it be so.

One: These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

Free To Be You And Me

by Stephen Lawrence & Bruce Hart

1. There's a land that I see where the children are free.
And I say it ain't far to this land from where we are.
Take my hand, come with me where the children are free.
Come with me, take my hand, and we'll live...

Chorus

In a land where the river runs free.

In a land through the green country.

In a land to a shining sea.

In a land where the horses run free.

And you and me are free to be, you and me.

2. I see a land, bright and clear and the time's comin' near
When we'll live in this land, you and me, hand in hand.
Take my hand, come along, lend your voice to my song.
Come along, take my hand, sing a song...

Chorus

3. Every boy in this land grows to be his own man.
In this land, every girl grows to be her own woman.
Take my hand, come with me, where the children are free.
Come with me, take my hand, and we'll run...

Chorus

Postlude

Shared by Nadine Shank and Walt Nielsen

