

Worship Roadmap - August 01, 2021

Updated: Saturday, July 31, 2021 10:24:14am

(Roadmap version: Final

Lay Reader: Jenn Galvez

Song Leader: Melissa Hastings)

Prelude

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

by Clara H. Scorr, arr. Carol Tornquist

Announcements

- Thank you for your support of Campbell UCC's Silicon Valley Safe Parking ministry during July.
- Next Council meeting, August 8th, at noon in the Fireside Room.
- Pastoral/Spiritual Care. You are welcome to schedule a Pastoral/Spiritual Care visit with Pr. Naomi by texting/calling her at 408-461-5133. Or by emailing: rev_naomi@campbellucc.org.
- Flo's Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday 4pm-7pm and Saturday 8am-1pm
- Next Soup Exchange is Saturday, August 14th. Please let Mary Edson if you'd like to be added to our list to receive soup, or to let her know if you won't be picking up soup that week. Please also contact Mary Edson if you are interested in offering volunteer support and/or donations for this Ministry.
- Farmworker Caravan--The next Farmworker Caravan from San Jose to Watsonville takes place on Saturday, August 7th. Please bring in any food donations marked "FWC" to Mary Edson at the Food Pantry no later than August 6th by Noon. The caravan helps so many people who work hard to bring food to our tables. Any donations are welcome. Thank You!
- Please remember to consider your privacy and the privacy of others regarding prayers and personal information. Let Faith know if your prayer should appear on the Prayer Chain email. You can also email your prayers for our community to prayerchain@campbellucc.org
- Please be aware that today's service is streamed online via Zoom,

and recorded for our archives. The recording will be available to our congregation members to view upon request. Please contact Ken True if you wish to view the recording.

- We are delighted that our choir has resumed singing. All choir members are vaccinated and are wearing protective masks especially designed for singing. In order to best protect all participants in our worship today, we respectfully request that non-choir members continue to refrain from singing for the time being. We ask this because:
 - COVID-19 is still potentially lethal for those who are unvaccinated;
 - vaccinated people can still carry and transmit COVID-19;
 - singing indoors still has potential for creating super-spreader events among those who are unvaccinated, and could lead to increased break-through infections for those who are vaccinated;
 - regular disposable and cloth masks do not offer the same level of protection as the choirs' masks do;
 - CUCC does not currently require checking the vaccination status of all worship participants, and there may be unvaccinated folks in our midst at any given time.
- We thank you for working with us to protect the health and wellbeing of all our participants, including children and adults who cannot be vaccinated due to age, health, or other reasons.
- You are invited to participate in the Oikos Program for all who are inspired to work with the congregation on congregational renewal efforts. Please speak with our Moderator, Mark Fanucchi, for more details.

Other Announcements

Worship Series Introduction

Pastor: Week 4: I've been meaning to ask. . . where do we go from here?

Courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. God bridges connections between us in unexpected ways. We commit to

continuing the conversation.

Candle Lighting

At the beginning of worship, we invite you to light a candle. We light our candles to bear witness to the light of God's love and hope for us and for our world.

Lay Reader: Call to Worship

Lay Reader: Please join me in the responsive Call to Worship

Call to Worship - responsive

*One: We come into this place
with the hope of growing deeper,
with the hope of connecting,
with the hope of glimpsing God.*

**All: When our spirits are moved, and we feel God is near,
We are grateful for those gifts.**

*One: And then the service comes to an end,
and it's time to leave,
and we ask ourselves,
"Where do we go from here?"*

**All: We go out into the world to love and to share and to learn, but
we come back soon, because this is the beginning.**

*One: This is only the beginning.
So come on in.
Fill your cup here.
Be present here.*

**All: God is here.
Let us worship Holy God.**

Lay Reader: So for our call to worship today, we are going to lean into

invitation for connection.

When we pass the peace today, you will be invited to choose someone around you with whom to share one thing that has brought you deep joy this week so that we enter our worship with joy, gratitude, and connection. God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

Birthday-Anniversary

Celebration

Pastor: We take this moment to share any birthdays and anniversaries coming up during the month of July. All are invited to share the dates of any special occasions you'd like to celebrate with us.

Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

May you run
and not be weary
May your heart
be filled with song.

And may the
love of God continue
To give you hope
and keep you strong.

And may you run
and not be weary
May your life
be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel
always lead you home.
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always lead you home.

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Passing of the Peace-Invitation

Pastor: As we pass the peace this morning, please share something that has brought you deep joy this week with at least one person.
Let us pass God's blessing of peace among one another.

That said...

Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Share a wave, elbow bump, or hug as you are mutually comfortable

Song: "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" (NCH#73)

Enter rejoice and come in.
Enter rejoice and come in.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts to everyone.
Open your hearts to everyone.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change.
Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;
Enter, rejoice, and come in.

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Lay Reader: Prayer of Invocation

Lay Reader: Holy God you are a conversationalist,
drawing close to us and asking,
“What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?”
We see your conversational self in Jesus Christ,
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.
You call us to continue this holy conversation
with those who look and think like us,
as well as with those who share little in common with us.
We believe that through these conversations,
we are able to catch a glimpse of your holy Kin-dom,
Settle our spirits to feel your presence fully.
We want to be in conversation with you.
Don't let us miss it,
So that we continue the conversation in hope.
Gratefully we pray,
Amen.

Song: "We Are Your People" (NCH#309)

We are your people:
Spirit of grace,
You dare to make us
Christ to our neighbors
Of every culture
and place.

Joined in community,
treasured and fed,
may we discover
gifts in each other,
willing to lead
and be led.

Rich in diversity,
help us to live
closer than neighbors,
open to strangers,
able to clash
and forgive.

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Scripture

Ruth 1:1-22

Ruth 1:1-22: Ruth 1:1-22 (NRSV)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years,

both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food.

So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two

daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.”

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they

came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Scripture Response

One: May the hearing of our sacred stories create, redeem and sustain us anew.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Video Introduction

"Where do we go from here?"
by Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson

Where do we go from here_ (Week 4)_SA

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Pastor: Message

"Reflection and Conversation - led by Naomi"

Choir: Anthem

"Grace"
by Mark Hayes

Pastor: Offering

The story of Ruth and Naomi is the story of God working through people. Naomi needed Ruth to make it back home and start fresh, just as Peter needed Cornelius to understand God's message. Mary needed Elizabeth, Jesus needed the disciples, and Moses needed Aaron.

The story of our faith is one that constantly reminds us that we cannot do this work alone. So in community, we ask ourselves: Where do we go from here?

And one answer to that question is that we give what we can from what we have, and trust that God will continue moving us closer to that promised day. We make offer what we can knowing that this is the work of community, this is the work of faith.

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Pastor: Prayer of Dedication

Pastor: Please join me in the unison Prayer of Dedication

Responsive-Prayer of Dedication

All: Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we are part of your great work in this world.

All: Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls.

All: Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

Lay Reader: Prayer of Reconciliation

Jenn: The prayer of reconciliation allows us to acknowledge that we are works in progress, and there is beauty in that.

We don't have to be perfect here.
We don't have to have it all figured out here.
We don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next here.
We just need to show up with our messy, beautiful selves, and be honest.
So let us be honest. Let us pray the prayer of confession together. . .

Responsive-Prayer of Reconciliation

**All: Holy God,
We are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall.**

**All: We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.
Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.**

**All: Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.
Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection.**

**All: Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.
With hope and honesty we pray,
Amen.**

(Brief pause for silence and self examination)

Lay Reader: Assurance of God's Love

**Lay Reader: Family of faith,
We are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God.
No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start.
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:**

Responsive-Assurance of God's Love

All: God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau. I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song: "The Power of Your Love"

Lord, I come to You
Let my heart be changed,
renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You

And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the Power of Your love

Hold me close,
let Your love surround me
Bring me near,
draw me to Your side

And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the Power of Your love

Lord, unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me

Lord, renew my mind
As Your Will unfolds in my life
In living everyday
By the Power of Your love

Hold me close,

let Your love surround me
Bring me near,
draw me to Your side

And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the Power of Your love

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Pastor: Prayers of the People

Silent Meditation

(The singing bowl is rung.)

Pastoral Prayer

(Pastor and Lay Reader move to the Communion table.)

Song: "As We Gather at Your Table" (NCH#332)

As we gather
at your table,
as we listen
to your word,

help us know,
O God, your presence;
let our hearts and
minds be stirred.

Nourish us with

sacred story
till we claim it
as our own;

teach us through
this holy banquet
how to make
Love's victory known.

Turn our worship
into witness
in the sacrament
of life;

send us forth
to love and serve you,
bringing peace
where there is strife.

Give us, Christ,
your great compassion
to forgive
as you forgave;

may we still
behold your image
in the world
you died to save.

Gracious Spirit,
help us summon
other guests to
share that feast

where triumphant
Love will welcome
those who had been

last and least.

There no more will
envy blind us
nor will pride
our peace destroy,

as we join with
saints and angels
to repeat the
sounding joy.

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Communion Invitation

Naomi: God of conversation, we are here, trying to be courageous.
We are trying to be curious. We are here trying to build connections in this
lonely and isolated world.
We want to be somewhere other than here. We want to be standing in a
place and time that is closer to your promised day—
where all are fed, the prisoners are freed,
the homeless are housed,
and every person knows their worth.
And we know we can't get there without honest and vulnerable
conversation, but we don't always know what to ask.

Jenn: We fear saying the wrong thing. We fear offending, so we eat our
words and stay quiet, hoping that answers will come, but they don't
always come. Connection has never been quite so easy for us.
So today we ask for your words.

Naomi: Plant questions in us that, like seeds, grow into a garden of
connection. Plant affirmation in us that, like laughter, is contagious and
mood-changing. Plant curiosity in us that, like rain, washes away any
judgment we carry, replacing it with a desire to understand.
And when we have your words in our mouth, and your mind in our hearts,
then teach us how to listen.

Jenn: Teach us how to hear the message under the words—the grief, the hurt, the fear, the shame that hangs under sentences like bats under a bridge. Help us to hear and make space for those unspoken truths. Then teach us how to listen to voices that differ from us—voices with different opinions, with different histories, with different perspectives. So that like Ruth and Naomi, we might move through disagreement and ultimately find you.

Naomi: Meet us at this Table with open arms and holy conversation so that we might catch a glimpse of you in this meal and be changed.

Communion

Naomi: As Jesus encouraged us, we remember his life and death so that we too can truly live. Jesus, our guide and companion, at your last supper ...

Liturgy - bread

***Pastor:** you took a loaf of bread and, after blessing it, you broke it and shared it with your followers, saying:*

ALL: "Take. Eat. This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Liturgy - drink

***Pastor:** Then you took a cup and, after giving thanks, passed it to your friends, saying:*

ALL: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Communion

Jenn: We are called into community, so that we may become a gift to one another. Friends, there are a lot of tables in this world, but there is none

like this one. We have a seat saved for you. Come.

(Pause eat and drink for Communion)

Communion

Please come forward
to receive the elements

*(The elements are shared.
Lay Reader returns to seat after all are served.)*

Communion Blessing

Pastor: God of conversation, we've been meaning to ask,
"Where do we go from here?
How do we speak truth? How do we listen for you?"
Guide us. Be with us.
Hold us. Unsettle us.
Catch us. Feed us.
Fill us. Meet us here.
God, through this meal we share with you
we are open to your message.
Pour into us. Guide our every word and deed.
Amen.

We sing the Lord's prayer using the words your son taught us...

Song: "Lord's Prayer" (Naomi)

One: Our (Father, Mother,
Creator, Maker)
ALL: Our (Father, Mother,
Creator, Maker)

One: in heaven
ALL: in heaven
One: holy is your name
ALL: holy is your name

One: your kingdom come
ALL: your kingdom come
One: your will be done
ALL: your will be done

One: on earth
ALL: on earth
One: as in heaven
ALL: as in heaven

One: give us today
ALL: give us today
One: our daily bread
ALL: our daily bread

One: forgive us our sins
ALL: forgive us our sins
One: as we forgive those
ALL: as we forgive those

One: who sin against us
ALL: who sin against us

One: save us from the time
ALL: save us from the time
One: of trials
ALL: of trials

One: and deliver us
ALL: and deliver us
One: from evil
ALL: from evil

One: for the kingdom
and the power
and the glory

are yours forever

All: for the kingdom
and the power
and the glory
are yours forever

One: forever
ALL: forever
One: and ever
ALL: and ever

One: Our (Father, Mother,
Creator, Maker)
ALL: Our (Father, Mother,
Creator, Maker)
One: in heaven
ALL: in heaven

One: holy is your name
ALL: holy is your name

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Pastor: Benediction

Pastor: Family of faith,
as you leave this place, may God grant you
the curiosity to counter assumptions,
the vulnerability to befriend,
the bravery to speak your truth,
the wisdom to listen,
the strength to ask for help,
the resiliency to chose love, even when it's hard,
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.
In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,
go in peace.

Song: "Testify to Love"

All the colors
of the rainbow
All the voices
of the wind
Ev'ry dream that
reaches out
That reaches out to find
Where love begins

Ev'ry word of ev'ry story
Ev'ry star in ev'ry sky
Ev'ry corner of creation
Lives to testify

For as long as
I shall live
I will testify
to love
I'll be a witness
in the silences
When words are not enough

With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks
to God above
For as long as
I shall live
I will testify to love

From the mountains
To the valleys
From the rivers
to the sea

Ev'ry hand that reaches out

Each hand that reaches out
To offer peace

Ev'ry simple act of mercy
Ev'ry step to kingdom come
All the hope in ev'ry heart
Will speak what love has done

For as long as
I shall live
I will testify
to love
I'll be a witness
in the silences
When words are not enough

With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks
to God above
For as long as
I shall live
I will testify to love

For as long as
I shall live
I will testify
to love
I'll be a witness
in the silences
When words are not enough

With ev'ry breath I take
I will give thanks
to God above
For as long as
I shall live
I will testify to love

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Postlude

"God of Wonders"
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arr. Victor Labenske

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Goodbye

Worship Liturgy: Week 4: I've been meaning to ask. . . where do we go from here?

Courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. God bridges connections between us in unexpected ways. We commit to continuing the conversation.

Service Prayers for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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