



Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

*"Relationships - not facts & reason-
are the key to reality. By entering
those relationships, knowledge of
reality is unlocked (Parker Palmer)"*

William Sloane Coffin, Credo, pg 119

~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are welcome to head back to join in Sunday School. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

Generous Giving: Dreaming God's Dream

Artist Adrian Sanchez, currently incarcerated in a California Institution for Men, created the "Process of Life" (cover image) as part of an arts program funded by a local congregation. He reflects, "I believe that our young ones begin life with innocent hearts. I have learned that there are better ways to do things without violence. We artists were asked to

imagine what a city of compassion would look like and how the people there could cooperate so that everyone would have enough food. The Process of Life shows that there is pride and hope in carrying out positive ways of thinking about things like this.”

Sanchez’ art reminds us of the power of dreams – that the chick can become the rooster, that the whisper of the Spirit can become a movement for transformation, that no gift is too small to help make God’s Dream a reality.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Go Down Moses

arr. Louis Armstrong

Welcome and Community Connections

Introit

***Call to Worship¹**

One: We gather to worship in blessing.

All: We are grateful.

One: We gather to worship in brokenness.

All: We are mindful.

One: We gather to worship in community.

All: We are hopeful.

One: Let us worship our God of love and justice. Amen.

*** Invitation to Confession**

Pastor Peter: God calls us to expansion and inclusion. When we build walls and draw boundaries, the Holy Spirit works hard to overcome them and tear them down. Where have we been building up a wall through judgment or resentment? How can God’s dream of a whole and healed community challenge us?

*** Prayer of Confession**

God of expansive dreams, we don’t always see your vision for us. We don’t act as though your dreams can become reality. We don’t love

¹ This morning’s edited liturgy was written by Rev. Amber Henry Neuroth for the United Church of Christ’s 2025 stewardship campaign, *Dream God’s Dream*

our neighbor or welcome the stranger. Renew us again today with grace and possibility. Amen.

*** Words of Assurance**

***Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other

NCH 388, vss 1-3

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading

Acts 10:1-23

Special Music

The Story Continues

Act 10:24-48

Message for All

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

After the Message for All, children are invited to participate in Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307 or Pastor Peter at 608-338-2268. They will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Mission Moment

Solace House

Kendra Deja and Barb Clark

***Song for Going Out**

God Says It's Time

Sing! 216
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Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: John Dipko and Lisa Schoenwetter

Special Musicians: Amy Boutelle, Jeff Darwin, John Koeppe, and Mary Koeppe

Ushers: John Rosch and Haylie Schmit

Media Room: Bill Jetzer

Fellowship: Sonjia Short

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memorialucc.org and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at halpincjo@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER - DREAMING GOD'S DREAM

If you did not pick up your 2026 pledge card at the stewardship season kick-off, you should receive it in the mail this week or next week. [You may also complete your 2026 pledge online](#). As we look ahead to 2026, we are all invited to reflect on what we can contribute to Memorial UCC financially and through our time and talents. Thank you to everyone for the many ways you are helping Memorial to *Dream God's Dream*!

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.
- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

GO FORTH

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God Says It's Time



It's time to cel - e-brate the love of God, it's



time for us_ to get bu - sy_ Get bu-sy with the things that mat-ter most like



jus-tice and com-pas - sion. It's time for us_ to take ac - tion, as we



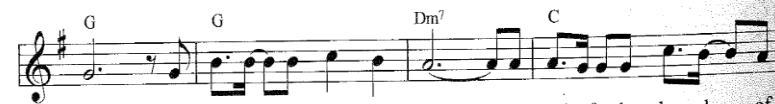
lis-ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One, 'cause God is still speak - ing, and



God says it's time,yeah God is still speak-ing, and God says it's time.



1. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis-trac-tions a-
2. If God is_ still speak-ing now, then what is_ God say-ing to



-side. It's time to get down to work_ the work of the bo - dy of
us? The chan-ces are good some - how_ the mes-sage in-volves show-ing



Christ. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out_ that
 love. There's jus - tice_ for - give - ness and wel - com - ing_ that



God wants to do in and through the lives that we live and the
 God wants to do, in and through the choi - ces_ we make and the



love we_ give_ So let's roll_ our sleeves up
 risks we_ take_ So let's live_ that mes - sage



now, _____ be - cause it's time.
 now, _____ be - cause it's