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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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CREATIVITY SUNDAY

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Come, come, come!

Singing

Open the Eyes of My Heart

by Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You [repeat]

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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I want to see You [repeat]

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As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Centering

Joy Dorko

A love that never ceases,
A creativity that stretched stars across the universe,
planets flung in motion, light that illuminates darkness.
A hope that cannot be quenched,
A sunset painted on a pale blue sky turning orange, to pink, to violet and indigo.
A breath caught in beauty.
An artist entranced in creation,
A potter's steady shaping hand,
A song that signals goosebumps to rise,
A string of words that hushes the busy mind
Poetry in motion.
These are gifts of our God.
Come in awe of the Creator among us!.

Playing

Fresh Word

Praying

Craig Tyrl
Administrative Pastor IUCC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Psalms 139:13-14

and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding,
with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold,
silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic
crafts.

Romans 1:19-20

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature,
invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things
God has made.

Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Sending

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the Earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

Departing

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