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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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SPOOKY 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 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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Singing

You Are My Hiding Place

by Michael Ledner/Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place,
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you.
I will trust in you;
let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of my God.

Centering

JOY DORKO

Amber Mattingly/ adapted Halverson-Cano

Night comes early. We shiver as twilight creeps upon us.
Darkness surrounds us. Doom and gloom set in.
God, we know your light shines brighter in the midnight of our lives.
Fear wraps its poisonous fangs paralyzing our progress forward
God, we know your love casts out fear.
We set our jaw and face our fear striking out on a path less traveled.
We know another way is possible.
God, we know we are not alone for you are always with us.
May your love shine in and through the Christs among us
to illuminate our way through these dark nights
leading us out of the nightmare and into the light.

Playing

Fresh Word

Stewarding

This Little Light

Daniel Blackburn & Lauren Louie

Christ Among Us Video

This Little Light

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!

Christs among us, shining bright, (with)
Hearts so full of love and light. (they)
Share their bread and make a stand,

Guiding us with helping hands. (with)
Open hearts, they give their all,
Hearing God's all-loving call.
Showing us how we may live,
Learning how to freely give! (chorus)

You know we can be the change,
In this world so wide and strange.
With Christ's love, we'll find the way, To
Make a brighter, better day.
Let us all join hand in hand,
Spreading love across the land. With
Hope and justice in this space, We'll
Shine our light in every place.

This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, We're gonna let it shine,
Christ's among us, let us be, The
Love of Christ for all to see.
Walking humbly in your sight
Together we can shine your light!

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Praying

Craig TyrI MFA, MA

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

Revelation 9:1-3,5-10

And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit; he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given authority like the authority of scorpions of the earth.

They were allowed to torment them for five months but not to kill them, and the agony suffered was like that caused by a scorpion when it stings someone. And in those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them.

In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months.

Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Sending

Pastor Sarah

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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