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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

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## **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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Come, come, come!

## **Singing**

### ***The Fire of Commitment***

Singing the Journey: by Mary Katherine Mornl

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin. (chorus)

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.  
(chorus)

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice  
(chorus)

## **Centering**

**JAIME REZA**

Adapted St. Teresa of Ávila

We strain our ears to hear Jesus' voice,  
we open our eyes to hope to catch a glimpse of Christ among us.  
But Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but ours...  
So, Christs among us shine the light, heal the hurting, make the peace, break the bread, give your  
hearts, and share the love.  
For Christ has no body now but ours.

## **Playing**

**Fresh Word**

## **Stewarding**

**This Little Light**

**Bill Lawrence**

Co-Chair, Fund Dev

**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!

Christ's 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 Tyrl 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**

***Matthew 25:35-45***

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

## **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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