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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.”

~Rupertus Meldenius

This quote has been a motto for our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the movement that spawned it going back to the very beginning. It is a powerful framework for how we can build a community full of individuals who have different experiences and understandings of the world.

Within the tradition of our church the essentials are quite simple, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and the Lord and Savior of the world. The ways in which we interpret that and seek to live it out are where we receive liberty. But the root of all of this must always be the love that we know through Jesus.

While it is all very simple, it can also all be very difficult. Relationships are fraught with disagreements, misunderstandings, and things as small as the finickyness of our moods. If we focus too much on the things in which we have liberty we can start to feel fragmented and divided, even more so in our modern world. We are called, as followers of Jesus, to start with what we have in common and to work from there. We are called to remember that we are all attempting to follow Jesus and live in love. We are called to show the world a different way, rooted in mutual love and goodness.

While life in community is oftentimes a challenge, it is also the very thing that can help us to experience abundant life. We learn how to give and receive help. We learn that we are not alone in our darkest times. We learn that we are not as divided as we may think. We learn that we are in fact loveable, just as we are. And in this learning, I hope we learn to desire to bring others into our community, so that they may experience that same abundance that we have received.

Pastor Ben

See What's Happening!

6/6 Community Table 4-4:30pm VT Team

6/7 Worship 11am

6/8 Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC

6/13 Community Table 4-4:30pm Grove Team

6/14 Worship 11am

6/15 Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC

6/20 Community Table 4-4:30pm Towle Team

Brown Bag Bible Study

Mondays 12-1pm

with Rev. Ben

June 8th: Hebrews 10:23-25

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Announcements/Greeting
Music Meditation
Children's Blessing

***Call to Worship**

Leader : Gracious God be praised

People: For the generations who have shared your love before us

Leader: For those who directly taught us faith in word and deed

People: And for this community where we learn to live and love!

***Opening Hymn** no. 284 (1-3)
"Gather Us In"

***Opening Prayer**

Special Music

Scripture **Matthew 25:31-44**
Good News

"A World Shaped by Compassion"

Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer

Moment of Gratitude

Music During Offering UCC Choir
"I'll Fly Away"

Prayer for Offering

Invitation to Communion

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK

- 8. Psalms 40-42
- 9. Psalms 43-45
- 10. Psalms 46-48
- 11. Psalms 49-51
- 12. Psalms 52-54
- 13. Psalms 55-57
- 14. Psalms 58-60

Communion Hymn no. 392 (all)
"Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether"

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

Share in Communion

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to Discipleship

***Hymn of Invitation** no. 494 (1,3,4)
"They'll Know We Are Christians"

***Closing Prayer**

***Going Forth** "Weave" no. 495
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.

*denotes standing, if able

Serving in Worship this Sunday

Rev. Ben Moore
Elder: Janice Cheverton
Media: Nicole Altizer
Worship Leader: Kelly Evans
Deacons: Gary Davis, Daniel Scaletta, Jesse and Maria Shepherd
Music: UCC Choir, Director Angela Thompson, Praise Team
Accompanist: Gina Rhea