



“Peaceable Kingdom” – Edward Hicks (1840s)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
November 13th, 2016
10:30am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

Prelude

Carol Austin-Janssen

Welcome

Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

One: Though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

One: The nations may be at war, countries left in ruin,

**All: Yet the voice of the Almighty is heard, slowly breaking through
hearts of stone.**

One: God says, "Step out of the traffic! Take a long look at me, your God. I
am above politics, above everything."

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Hymn #25....."O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Litany of Assurance

One: When my head is aching and my muscles are tense, you remind me of
what is important and what is not.

All: I am like a child comforted at its mother's breast.

One: When fatigue confuses my thinking and clouds my perspective, you
refuel my energies and assure me that sleep will be coming soon.

All: You have calmed and quieted my soul.

One: When sickness saps my strength and pain is a frequent foe, you tell me
that it will not be more than I can bear.

All: I am like a child comforted at its mother's breast.

One: When anger closes my throat and streams of resentment flow over me, you clear my head and help me to realize that my adversary is human too.

All: You have calmed and quieted my soul.

One: When my shoulders feel weighed down by the worry and responsibility, you offer me strength to carry on.

All: I am like a child comforted at its mother's breast.

All: We praise you, our compassionate and intimate God. Your spacious lap accommodates all our fears and worries, and your strong arms embrace and protect us. We give you thanks, O God of love. Amen.

Sung Response #488.....“Be Still My Soul” (Verses 1 & 2)

Scripture.....Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem "This Touch of Love" by Michael Burkhardt

New Member Introductions: Carla Forner, Bonnie & Dan Glidden, David Turner & Dennis McLain, Jake, Gavin, Aiden & Piper Snider & Rachel Byers

Congregational Welcome

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise our support, our friendship, and our prayers as we share the hopes and labors of living the ways of Jesus. By the power of God's Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of the living Christ.

Time with Our Children.....Taleese Morrill

“We Shall Overcome”

v. 2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand.

v. 3 We are not afraid, we are not afraid.

v. 4 Our God will see us through.

***Passing of the Peace**

Children may go with Betty Dillashaw to Room 204 and teens to the youth room with Taleese.

Scripture.....Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

“Fear Not!”

Rev. Margot Pickett

***Hymn #575.....“O for a World”**

Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Sharing Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Response #785 “We Give You but Your Own”

*We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Final Hymn #391.....“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

***Benediction**

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Please join us after worship in the Friendship Hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

For Today’s Service

Greeter/Usher: Michael Hutzler

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dorri Sherrill

Accompanist: Carol Austin-Janssen

Choir Conductor: Jennifer Austin-Janssen

Security: Randall Bowman

Nursery/Childcare: Kerby Price

Deacon of the Month: Jacque Wuelling –

Greeter at the Front Doors –

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Alternative Deacon of the Month: Carol

Duin – Greeter at the Accessible Entrance –

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Our Staff

Rev. Margot Pickett, Interim Senior Minister (margot.pickett@uccasheville.org)

Yolanda Adams, Ministry Coordinator (ministry@uccasheville.org)

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Viviana Altamirano, Custodian

Our Mission Statement

We believe God is calling us to:

Be a progressive, risk-taking, Christian faith community

*Be a spiritual community acknowledging the grace of God that follows the way of
Jesus as the Christ*

Be welcoming, open, and affirming to all

Engage the wider world with acts of mercy, peace, and justice.

Nursery: Our nursery is open during worship for babies and children pre-school age and younger. Children and babies may be dropped off by a parent or guardian before worship or after a Time with Children. (You will be asked to sign in and leave a cell phone number). They must be picked up as soon worship ends. They are also welcome to remain with you in the sanctuary.

Faith Formation for Children and Teens: On most Sundays of the month (except the first), we invite our children to go to a multi-age class in room E-204 following the Time with Children. Children and teens are also welcome to stay and participate in worship service.

Volunteering and Connecting

CSE Family Dinner – What's next for LGBTQ rights? Monday, November 21 at 5:30 PM - 7 PM LGBTQ* people and allies of all ages are invited to join us for an Asheville Family Dinner. If you can, please bring a favorite dish or drink to share. We're gathering to support each other as a community and CSE staff will be on hand to talk and answer questions about how we will move forward. Questions: Lindsey@southernequality.org or 828.242.1559

Volunteer Needed: For the next few weeks until the end of the year, volunteers are needed to answer the phones and doors and perhaps a help with a few organizational administrative projects on Wednesdays from noon to 3 or 4pm. This will be very helpful to the staff as there is a great deal of busyness that happens around the church at this time of the year. Please contact Yolanda to volunteer.

Refugee Update: Learning a new language is one of the most challenging obstacles a refugee faces as they work to build a better life. During an English lesson this week, the focus was on casual conversation. As we talked, she told me about her life, her childhood, and her amazing story. Would you like to help a refugee improve their language skills? Call Carol Duin at 828-337-5228

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir? Here's your opportunity to try it out for the Advent season. Join us for some merry music making! Come one, come all! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Stir the Soul Café: Our 2nd Annual Spiritual Pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico, July 16-22, 2017 with John Philip and Ali Newell. is approaching its Nov. 15th deadline however, GR may give us a few more days. We still have five rooms available. but need to make a down payment to hold them. The registration is \$1500.00 for the week... all inclusive. Travel is extra and on your own. One opportunity for travel: Jacque Wuelling would like to have someone share the drive in her van. The trip would probably take three and 1/2 days each way, but would be the most direct one. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Details for arrival and departure will be shared as you plan your travel dates. Brochures can be found in the Library and Narthex, or contact me at ltuenge44@gmail.com and I will send you a copy.

The Transition Team needs the benefit of your thoughts once again, this time on “Leadership Expectations.” Please join us for lunch and a Congregational Conversation after worship this morning to talk about the leadership skills and abilities you think are important in a new pastor. If you can't, please contact **Chris Nealis at 828-713-5657, or cfnealis@yahoo.com** and we'll share the materials from this workshop with you.

Have you missed ONA Potlucks? Alice and Ron Martin-Adkins, along with Matt Graham and Greg Knepper invite you to bring a dish and join us for an evening of shared food and friendship building **this evening, at 5:30 p.m. at the Martin-Adkins' home - 67 Captains Dr, Candler.** Any questions? Talk with one of us or call **Ron or Alice at (828) 670-9614**

Deacon Search: We are looking for new Deacons to serve starting in January 2017. Contact **Judy Slater**, Deacon Chairperson, jbugslater@gmail.com

Faith And Flicks: This Sunday, November 13th: This year's Faith & Flicks theme is Forgiveness & Reconciliation. Our first film is The Railway Man. It's about Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a former British army officer and POW, discovers that the Japanese interpreter who tortured him is still alive. He and his new wife (Nicole Kidman) set out to confront the man who caused him so much pain. Join Jim and Jerene for a great movie and lively discussion at 5:45 pm in the library. Popcorn provided.

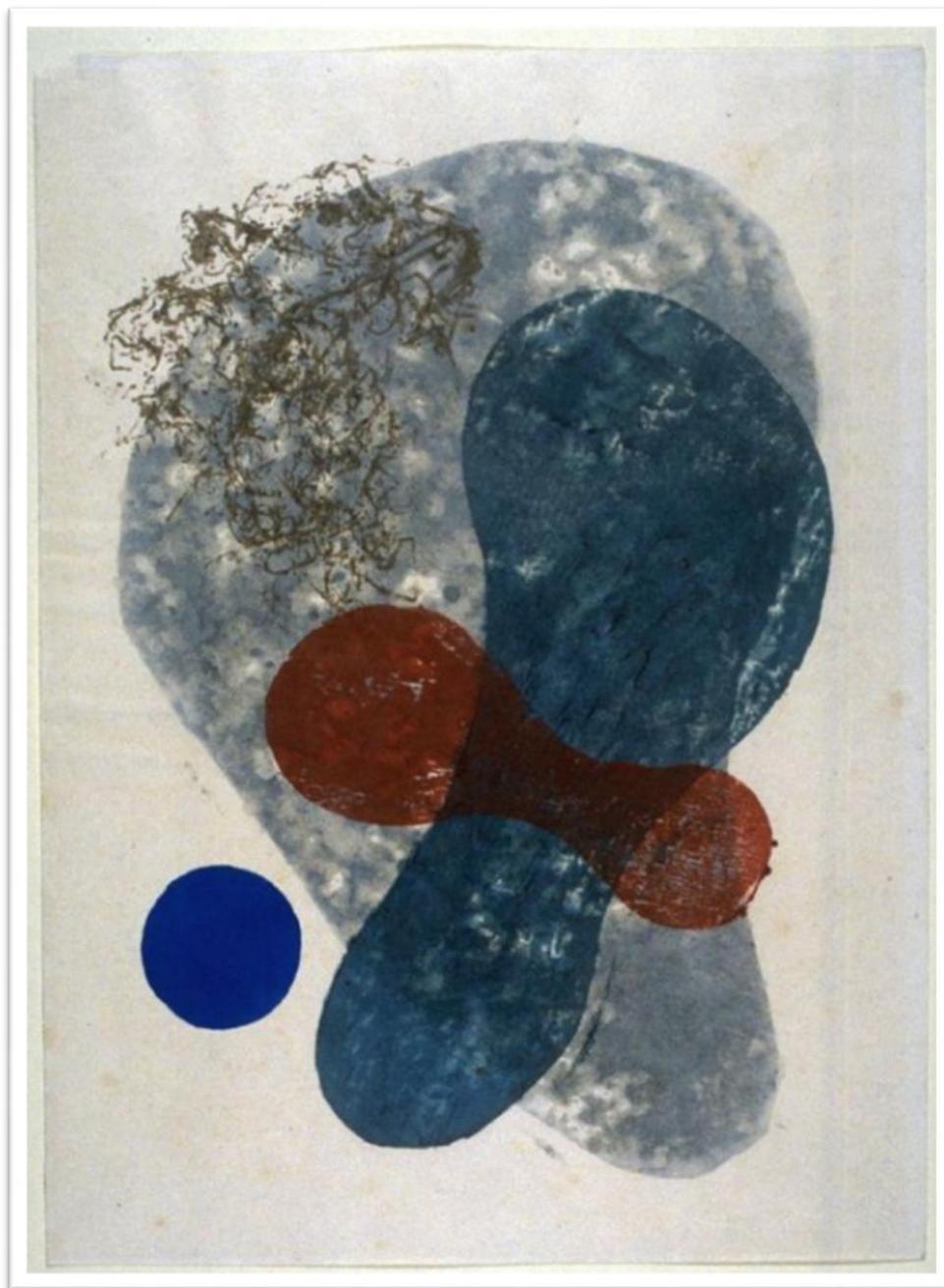
Faith Formation Classes

The Good Word: You Say You Want a Revolution continues with Ron and Alice Martin – November 20th. We will continue to build on our processes of safety and sharing, as practiced in previous forums. Ron and Alice will guide us through an exploration of what environmentalist, Wendell Berry has termed, "The Hidden Wound" of a racialized society. These two faith formation segments are specifically designed to offer those who identify as "white" an affirming place to notice how they have been impacted by the construct of race.

A Sacred Pause: Do you need a place to chill? Some “you” time, some place to create, be quiet, to read, to write to nothing but listen to your own breathing and relaxing music? Join us on **Mondays at 5:45 in Room 103**. You don't need to come every Monday, just drop by when you can.

Teen Church Hosts Needed: We need a few folks interested in hosting a Teen Church this year. You can plan a lesson, watch a video, plan an activity, etc. **The following are the dates are available: 11/27, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/18, 7/9, 7/23.** Please contact Taleese at taleesemorrill@gmail.com if you are interested

Mental Illness Ministry: December 4th Once again the Rev. Jerene Broadway, staff chaplain at Mission Hospital, serving primarily in the Copestone Psychiatric Units as well as a member of the board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Western Carolina. She is hoping to further exploring what a Mental Health ministry can look like at our church and discuss what you have in mind for such a ministry. This discussion will be held in **Room E-107 and will begin at 9:00 am.**



"Distant Hope" – Koshiro Onchi (1951)

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