



**Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:30 online worship  
From Beauty to Compassion and Justice**



*Bequiled*  
**BY BEAUTY**

*Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion*

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If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org)

Our next new member information session will be held on September 13 and 20 You will be welcomed as members in worship on Sunday, September 27. If you are interested in attending classes for new members let us know and we'd be glad to send you more information. Please contact Pastor Kris with any questions.

***We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God's inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.***

***Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and on faith's journey  
ALL: you are welcome here.***

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## PRELUDE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Spiritual

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ② You are welcome here.

## WE GATHER

## THRESHOLD MOMENT

## PRAYER

Divine Goodness, Holy One,  
Pause us for this moment,  
bear us up in this time,  
hold us for eternity.  
We open to your warming presence.  
We remember we came from you.  
We affirm all beings are your beloveds.  
And all the people say, "**Amen.**"

## Hymn

BLACK HYMNAL #448 Tale My Life, God, Let It Be

- 1. Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.**
- 3. Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and be your grace make of it your dwelling place.**
- 4. Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.**

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

## WE PROCLAIM

### SEARCHING FOR BEAUTY: A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MRS. BONSELL

#### LECTIO DEVINA

**L** We often hear today's reading from Isaiah around the time of Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of the one called the "Prince of Peace." The people to whom Isaiah writes are oppressed and exiled by their captors. They have known much suffering. When Isaiah writes "how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good news," it is not the feet, specifically, that are beautiful, it is the whole message of release from suffering that creates a beautiful peace. It is akin to the saying, "you are a sight for sore eyes!" The image of a messenger that brings good news is a welcome sight and cause for joy. To be part of the restoration of love and peace and hope is our call to unveil more beauty in the world.

#### ***Isaiah 52: 7-10 (Inclusive Bible)***

*How [beautiful] upon the mountains (a)  
are the feet of one who brings good news—  
who announces peace,  
and brings news of happy things,  
and proclaims deliverance,  
saying to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
Listen! Those who keep watch raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy—  
for they see with their own eyes  
YHWH's restoration of Zion!  
Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For YHWH comforts the people,  
and redeems Jerusalem.  
YHWH bares a holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold*

*the salvation of our God!*  
(a) Ref: CEB

## **SERMO DIVINA (Message) Pastor Kris Snyder-Samuelson**

### **VISIO DIVINA**

### **WE RESPOND**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

“Look Around”

George DeNardo, vocalist

*Original song for the series by Marsha Jean Moors-Charles,  
arr. Caleb Collins*

**L**As we have done for most weeks of this series, you are invited in our time of prayer to let your gaze wander and perhaps land on something that has literally “caught your eye” before. I hope that beyond this series, you will find yourself continuing those contemplative practices that “caught your attention”—that brought you a deeper love of life. And always remember that “looking around”—whether we do that with our eyes or other senses—is how we notice the beauty in the world and in the people we encounter, but also how we notice the suffering and are called to intercede in prayer for the healing of all.

#### ***Music:***

**Verse 1: When you're tired and feel you can't get through**

**Uncertainty comes over you**

**Just Look Around**

**When your problems seem too much to bear**

**Unsure if there's someone who cares**

**Just Look Around**

**Whether stranger, neighbor, family, or a friend**

**On each other in tough times we can depend**

***Chorus:* Look Around – kindness, love is ours to share**

We can see it everywhere  
Though it might seem like forever  
Look Around—for even in the darkest night  
Things are gonna be alright  
We'll get through this together  
Just Look Around!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### *Music:*

**Verse 2:** Sometimes it can be hard to see  
Life is full of possibilities  
So Look Around  
Each new day is such a gift  
Embrace it and the life you live  
And Look Around  
Outstretched arms and many helping hands  
Don't give up on all your dreams and all your plans

Don't lose faith,  
Keep hope alive  
Cause together we'll get to the other side  
When you feel weak, I'll be strong  
And remind you that you're never alone

### *Chorus:*

Look Around – kindness, love is ours to share  
We can see it everywhere  
Though it might seem like forever  
Look Around—for even in our darkest night  
Things are gonna be alright

**We'll get through this together  
Just Look Around! Look Around!  
Just Look Around.**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**L**With outstretched arms and many helping hands,” we have been “getting through this together.” I am blessed to know the beauty of this community as I see what you do each and every day to bring more Divine Goodness into the world.

## **MUSIC OFFERING**

All I Want  
Julie Wehr

Michael W. Smith

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## **BEAUTIFUL SIGNS OF LOVE**

Please continue to send us pictures of you and your friends or family with their hands in the heart position. We'd like to show them each week so that we can see each other, give thanks for each other, and pray for each other.

## **BENEDICTION**

**L** Throughout our time contemplating the theology of beauty and Divine Goodness, we have been making the connections between the well-being of our souls to the well-being of the whole of earth and all beings. My prayer is that you will continue to use the contemplative practices experienced in this time to cultivate your life of compassion. The note for this last week is a quote from Dr. Farley: “A contemplative life can empty us and ready us to become instruments of the Good.... for the beauty of the earth.” May it continue to be so.

The world is so varied and beautiful.  
Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found.\*  
And may the goodness of the Creator,  
the companionship of the Christ,  
and the insight of the Spirit,  
infuse your life now and always.  
Amen.

## **BENEDICTION SONG REPRISE**

**God of all to you, we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise!**

## **WE GO FORTH**

### **POSTLUDE**

This Is My Father's World  
Franklin L. Sheppard

Tune: Terra Patris,

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