



~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are invited to attend Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing of New Covenant Partners

Beth Aragaki, Laura Meltzer, Becky Davis, Michael Rosensteel, Andrea Torres, Chuck and Jan Gietzel

Ulrika Swanson, Financial Secretary—To the congregation: We welcome all whom God sends into our midst. Do you, members and friends of Memorial United Church of Christ, promise to support these new members, and join with them in God's work in the world? If so respond with "Yes, with the help of God and the support of this community."

New Members and Friends: Yes, with the help of God and the support of this community.

Pastor Kris: Let us pray as we offer a blessing of welcome:

All: God of all, we give you thanks for this community of faith. As we welcome these new members, may your Holy Spirit pour out to us and remind us that we are one people in the body of Christ. As you sustained the early church with a bold proclamation and a community of care for those in need, we confidently live our daily lives in faith today and every day. We thank you for your promises of love, grace and mercy for all. Amen.

Introit

Crazy Train

Daisley, Osbourne, Rhoads

***Call to Worship**

One: We come from a world at war with itself —

Many: generals gathered, nations divided, millions living as foes.

One: We come as dreamers, not because we are naïve,

Many: but because our faith invites us to imagine differently.

One: In the last days, the mountain of God's house shall be established.

Many: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***Opening Prayer**

God of every age and every generation

you have never stopped sending dreamers among us:

prophets who saw swords becoming plowshares,

apostles who saw a new city coming down like a bride,

and ordinary voices, even unlikely ones,

who dared to imagine a world beyond anger and hate and division.

Open our ears today to hear you in music we didn't expect,

and open our hearts to the hope we didn't know we still carried.

In the name of the One who makes all things new. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Another World is Possible

(see insert)

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message for 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.

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God's Word in Conversation with Heavy Metal

Generals gathered in their masses	Treating people just like pawns in
Just like witches at black masses	chess
Evil minds that plot destruction	Wait 'til their judgement day
Sorcerer of death's construction	comes, yeah

	Now in darkness, world stops
In the fields, the bodies burning	turning
As the war machine keeps turning	Ashes where their bodies burning
Death and hatred to mankind	No more war pigs have the power
Poisoning their brainwashed minds	Hand of God has struck the hour
Oh, Lord, yeah	

	Day of judgement, God is calling
Politicians hide themselves away	On their knees, the war pigs
They only started the war	crawling
Why should they go out to fight?	Begging mercy for their sins
They leave that role to the poor,	Satan laughing, spreads his wings
yeah	Oh, Lord, yeah

Time will tell on their power minds
Making war just for fun

Prayer of Lament

God, we confess a world that still looks like the one being sung about: politicians who send others to fight the wars they start, power traded for profit, people treated as pawns, judgment delayed while the war machine keeps turning.

**We have grown numb to the count of the dead.
We have let resignation, and complacency replace our grief.
Interrupt our numbness, O God.
Give us back the capacity to be disturbed by violence,
so that we might also recover the capacity to hope for its end.**
One: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Many: **neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Special Music

Witness of the Early Church Revelation 21:1-5

Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Response *Dreamer*

Prayers of the People

Continuing Our Prayers Together

One: For every place where the sirens still sound and the war machine still turns, we pray

Many: God, teach us war no more.

One: For every person still riding their own crazy train — caught in addiction, fear, or despair, wondering if it's too late — we pray —

Many: God, remind us it is not too late.

One: For every family waiting for a homecoming, for every dreamer dismissed as foolish for still hoping, we pray —

Many: God, make your dwelling among us.

One: For the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more, we pray —

Many: Come, Lord, and make all things new. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song *God Give us Eyes to See Your Reign* (See Insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Worship Leaders: Jeff Darwin (Music Dir.), Brighín Kane-Grade (Choral Dir.), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Jill Carlson and John Koepe

Usher: Jay Johnson

Musicians: Kelly Jetzer and MUCC Choir

Media Room: Jordan Baumgart

Fellowship: The Roltgen Family

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Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities: Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Visit and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at ulrikaswanson@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You

don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org.

Crazy Train

All aboard ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
Ay, ay, ay, ay, ay, ay, ay
Crazy, but that's how it goes
Millions of people living as foes
Maybe it's not too late
To learn how to love
And forget how to hate
Mental wounds not healing
Life's a bitter shame
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train
Let's go
I've listened to preachers
I've listened to fools
I've watched all the dropouts
Who make their own rules
One person conditioned to rule
and control
The media sells it and you live the
role

Mental wounds still screaming
Driving me insane
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train
I know that things are going wrong
for me
You gotta listen to my words, yeah
Heirs of a cold war
That's what we've become
Inheriting troubles I'm mentally
numb
Crazy, I just cannot bear
I'm living with something' that just
isn't fair
Mental wounds not healing
Who and what's to blame
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train
I'm going off the rails on a crazy
train

***Another World is Possible* by David Bjorlin**

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1. An - oth - er world is
2. An - oth - er world is
3. An - oth - er world is

Em D Bm Em

pos - si - ble, so dif - f'rent from our own where na - tions wor - ship
 pos - si - ble— a fore - taste of God's reign— where neigh - bors wipe each
 pos - si - ble, but first we must ex - change our pi - ous thoughts for

D Bm Em

vi - o - lence and kneel at pow - er's throne; where weap - ons make a
 oth - er's tears and tend each oth - er's pain; where schools are built in -
 ho - ly acts and brave - ly choose to change; to live this pres - ent

D Bm Em Am

few feel brave while oth - ers fear at - tack be - cause they look a
 stead of jails and ref - u - gees re - ceived, where jus - tice is in -
 day in hope, in light of what will be, when Christ will come to

Em/G F#m7(♭5) B Am

cer - tain way, be - cause their skin is black.
 deed for all and vic - tims are be - lieved.
 reign in love and set all peo - ple free.

Am/C Em/B B Em Em

1.-2. 3.

God Give us Eyes to See Your Reign

1. God, give us eyes to see your reign, a slow - ly grow - ing light
 2. God, give us ears to hear your voice a - mid the noise of life
 3. God, give us hands to do your work, to shape with love and care
 4. God, give us tongues to praise your works, and voice - es to pro - claim
 5. God, give us eyes to see your reign and ears - to hear your voice,

trans - fig - ur - ing our com - mon world, re - stor - ing faith's dim sight.
 that speaks a word of faith and hope and calms our in - ner strife.
 the fac - ets of your peace - ful reign for all the world to share.
 the sto - ry of re - deem - ing love, the glo - ry of your Name.
 strong hands to do your king - dom's work and voice - es to re - joice —

Il - lu - mine eyes in shad - ow's gloom where hate and greed hold sway,
 Lord, tune our ears to hear the pain of ev - 'ry child that cries,
 Re - strain our hands from wast - ed work that strives for pri - vate gain,
 Em - bold - en us to join the sound of tor - tured cries un - heard,
 that all our sens - es be em - ployed in yet un - fath - omed ways

for dark - ness is as light to you and you make bright our way.
 who mourns in - jus - tice, hate, and war: your voice in hu - man guise.
 that build up mon - u - ments of wealth and add to hu - man pain.
 to call on all to hear your voice, the jus - tice - speak - ing Word.
 till work and wor - ship are as one in lives of end - less praise.

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