

WELCOME

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First United Church of Christ and Conference Center is
a church with full real life standing in the Eastern Association;
Southern California Nevada Conference of the
United Church of Christ (UCC).
It's good to be real in Second Life!

And as a UCC church, we'd like you to know that
"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."

Our service will be in voice and text.

Music will be on the media viewer, so be sure that you have voice and media turned
on.

If you don't know how to do that, let someone know and we'll try to help.

There will be a link in Nearby Chat so you can watch it in your browser if the
viewer isn't working for you.

Whenever possible, lyrics for at least the refrain will be either on the screen, in
Nearby Chat, or a link will be provided so you can follow along if you wish.

There is a bulletin for the service, if you want one, in the red binder near the
door.

Taize worship is a contemplative type of worship developed by the ecumenical
monastic community of Taize, France.

It incorporates repetitive prayers set to music, sometimes in different languages,
along with moments of silent prayer, scripture, and other readings or prayers.

The use of repetitive sung prayers allows us to to turn off our thinking mind and
allow the music and prayer to sink into our hearts.

I encourage you, if you are some place where you feel safe doing so, to try singing
along with the sung prayers once you get the rhythm.

The scriptures are the Daily Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Let us open our hearts to God.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Holy Spirit Come To Us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zasyz-tJk0g>

Chorus lyrics:

Holy Spirit come to us

Kindle in us

The fire of your love

Holy Spirit come to us

Holy Spirit come to us

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Veni Sancte Spiritus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmxXwAgkhWQ>

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Galatians 6:7-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

I Am Sure I Shall See

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Wm_hjF_PO8

Lyrics:

I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
Yes I shall see the goodness of my God,
Hold firm, trust in the Lord

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Psalms 104:24-34 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your spirit, [a] they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION - about 5 minutes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence of our hearts or in words typed in Nearby Chat
let us give thanks for the gift of this day
and pray for the life of the world ...

if you have a prayer of joy or concern that you wish to lift to God, and have
supported by the energy of those gathered here, type it in Nearby Chat at this time.
Please conclude your prayer with the words, "Lord, in your mercy" so we know you are
finished.

When you see "Lord, in your mercy," you may wish to respond with "hear our prayers."
Lord, in your mercy,

Lord hear our prayers
those voiced here today
those spoken only in the depths of our hearts
those for which we have no words,
we lift them all up to you
with faith that you know, better than we,
what is needed.
We pray all this, in the name of the one who taught us to pray together:
Our Father
who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom
and the power
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Jubilate Deo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxdizbEaEw0>

Thank you for coming! Go in peace!