

Just Peace Sunday 2020:
"Seeking Racial Equity and a Just Economy"



I. Liturgical resources: Music, Poetry, and Quotes

Hymn Suggestions from the New Century Hymnal and Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal

Call to Worship

Come to the Waters SPP #3

Opening Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations NCH #576

In Christ There Is No East or West NCH #394

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers NCH #397

Prayer Hymn

O for a World NCH #575

Dream God's Dream SPP #120

Communion

Eat of this Bread SPP #153

Blest Be the Tie that Binds NCH #393

Closing

Lead Us from Death to Life NCH#581

We Shall Not Give Up the Fight #437

Benediction

Peace SPP #193 (**This hymn is written by Judy Rose - long time UCC member from a Just Peace Church (Ainsworth) in Portland, OR**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing NCH #76

II. MUSIC (Videos/online)

Lift Every Voice and Sing: Performed by Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume, pastor of Union Congregational UCC in West Palm Beach, FL. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCrW6Wo0VwY&feature=youtu.be> (permission granted to use)

Until All Are Fed by Bryan Field McFarland (Suggested for during communion.)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkxLcekmF8c>

In the Midst of New Directions – Song and Photo Slideshow in Memory of George Floyd set to Hymn created by Vancouver UCC - a Just Peace Church - in Vancouver,
WA. <https://www.facebook.com/174448545860/videos/1388005428051509>

"**If I Can Help Somebody**" performed by Mahalia Jackson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGzqKLzZXTE>

III. Poem "I Dream a World" by [Langston Hughes](#)

I Dream a World

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

IV. John Lewis Quotes

"It was very moving, very moving to see hundreds and thousands of people from all over America and around the world take to the streets to speak up, to speak out, to get into-what I call-good trouble, but to get in the way, and because of the action of young and old, Black, white, Latino, Asian-American, and Native American, because people cried and prayed, people will never, ever forget what happened and how it happened, and it is my hope that we are on our way to greater change." — John Lewis [on Black Lives Matter protests following George Floyd's death.](#)

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"Today, young people are taking up the mantle in a movement that I know all too well. All over the world, communities are once again joining the call for racial equity and equality. While their feet march towards justice, their pain, their frustration, and petitions cannot—must not—be ignored. The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act provides us with an opportunity to practice what we preach. While we use our speech to advance American ideals such as freedom, liberty, and justice for all, we must use our hands to implement these values."