



*Greetings: Please take a minute to find the link to today's YouTube worship video at the top of our Facebook page so that you can join in on the live premiere of this morning's service. We will have a time for offering today. If you would like to give online, just go to our "[Tithe.ly](#)" online giving page or to our church website ([www.fccstjo.org](http://www.fccstjo.org)). We'll also be sharing in communion today so we invite you to prepare by finding something from home you can use to represent the bread and the juice. The lyrics to the songs in today's worship service are provided below.*



**Prelude:** *Bill Luce, Zion UCC*

**Opening Song: "Steal Away"**  
Harrison Meers

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**Welcome...We're Glad You Are Tuning In!**

Our congregation is diverse in age, race, sexual orientation, biblical interpretation, culture, ethnic background, gender identity & expression, economic circumstance, family configuration, political inclination and physical ability. We celebrate and honor this diversity and welcome the struggle necessary to sustain it.

**Call to Worship** Diane Waddell- 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

**Leader:** God of our ancestors and God of our dreams,  
we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your

likeness

**All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.**

We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light. **And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.**

We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment. **And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.**

You have comforted us through the middle passage, racism, segregation, stripped identities and unjust laws. **And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.**

God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love, leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved. **And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.**

We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and the call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

**Prayer of Invocation – Jessie Lent, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian**

**Prayer of Confession – Mike & Carol Pittman, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian**

**Leaders:** Let us pray. O God, we confess today that we have fallen short of all that has been required of us. Whereas you looked at your beloved creation and said “it is good”, we have at times looked at that same creation and rejected its beauty and inherent goodness. We have looked at the color of one another’s skin and assigned beauty and worth based on its hue. We have felt the texture of one another’s hair and determined what is good and what is damaged. We have examined one another’s frame and labeled it as human or “other.” We have fallen short of being family and each other’s keeper but...

**All: *Deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome, some day.***

**Leaders:** We have ignored the cries of others as they seek justice from the oppressor and we told them to wait a little while longer. We have hidden the wounds of the ghettos of our society in an attempt to showcase society’s beauty to the world. We have not fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, or shelter to the stranger because of how they looked or the inconvenience of their need, but...

**All: *Deep in my heart, I do believe the truth shall make us free, some day.***

**Leaders:** But today is a new day full of opportunities to try again. What was left undone yesterday can be completed today. We can turn from the sins of neglect and

dishonesty, and prayerfully move towards reconciliation and mutual respect. We can prayerfully move towards the realization that “we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly,” challenging us to be concerned about what happens to our neighbor. And so,

***All: Deep in my heart, I do believe we shall live in peace, some day.***

**Assurance of Pardon - Kimi Yokoyama, Zion UCC & Beth McLenaghan, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian**

**Gloria Patri**

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Henry Wellington Greatorex

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***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit three in one. As it was in the beginning it is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.***

**Children’s Moment: Shelley Kirschner, Zion UCC**

**Pastoral Prayer – Rev. Brian Kirk, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian**

**Scripture – Johnathan Loesch, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian**

**Exodus 3:1-5**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’

**Anthem: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” - James Newsom, Zion UCC**

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## **Message: “Standing on Holy Ground”**

Rev. Dr. Krista Kiger, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian  
Julian Brown, Zion UCC  
Ty DeJoinville, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian

## **The Lord’s Supper Breaking Bread:**

**Lord’s Prayer** – (*Please use whatever words are most familiar to you.*)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** - Jessica Clinton Danner, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

## **Offering Invitation**

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## **Closing Hymn: “We Shall Overcome”**

Beth McLenaghan, Maddie Dryer, Jackson Connors, Colton Connors, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian

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## **Benediction**

\*This service quotes from **Our God is Marching On**, and **Letter from Birmingham Jail**, by Martin Luther King, Jr. Lines in italics quote from **We Shall Overcome #570** in **The New Century Hymnal** and **#630 in the Chalice Hymnal**, and **Lift Every Voice and Sing #593** in **The New Century Hymnal** and **#631 in the Chalice Hymnal**

**I Still have a Dream: Service Prayers for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2020**, was written by the Rev. Trayce Potter, Minister for Youth and Young Adult Engagement, Faith Education, Innovation and Formation Team (Faith INFO) UCC.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**All the medical and health care professionals** serving during this pandemic.

Our members who are dealing with health issues due to COVID-19

Congratulations to Jessie Lent. He is now approved for ordination as a pastor in The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Condolences to the family of **Louis Parmalee**. Louis passed away Thursday night.

**Arlene Sollars**, with a recent cancer diagnosis

**Beth Kar** on a recent hospital stay

**Sara McLaren's** cousin's son, Steele

**Carla Willis'** Aunt Jeannette with health concerns

**Katey Girard** with health concerns

**Cathy Hammer**

**Kim Potter, Judy Spencer, Beth Kar** receiving treatment for cancer.

Carolyn Koftan, sister-in-law of **Sandy Hamlin**, in hospice care.

**Kayla Harris'** mother, Robin Knotts, living with cancer

**Friends and Family:** Liz Canon, John Nichols, son of Nancy Nichols; Kathy Long, friend of Janet Pullen, Mike Casady, friend of Kenny Crawford

**Homebound:** Francis Hesnault, Louis Parmalee, Bette Lampton, Pat Jacobs

**Global Ministries: Guatemala**


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Thank You for Your Faithfulness

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Church office: **816-209-8212** (Kenny, our administrator, is currently in the office on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 9 AM – 1 PM.)

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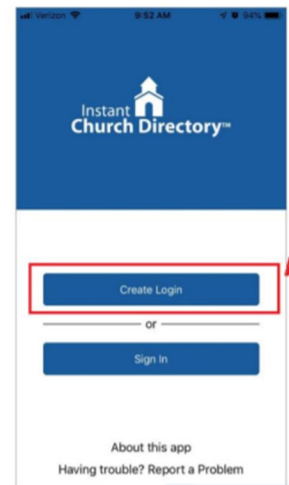
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