Community Worship

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Davis Chapel
Gathering

Call to Worship

Jenna Sullivan (MDiv ’18)

One: Sometimes God is revealed in dramatic ways: a burning bush, a parting sea, or a blinding light.

All: But we were created as people with many senses and keen perception.

One: In the ordinary, we can know God’s presence in more subtle ways:

All: In the dancing light of single flame, [Pause]

One: In the faint crackle of a burning wick.

All: In the wafting aroma of melting wax, [Pause]

One: In the glowing warmth of lit candles,

All: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are here.

One: Let us open ourselves to be aware of God’s presence.

All: Let us worship God with our heart, our strength, our spirit, and all our senses. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

One: Divine Light, Holy Wisdom,

You call to us from the depths of our hearts,
where we long for connection with you and with one another.

You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods,
where human pain and possibility are most urgent.

You call to us from our sacred stories,
where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort.

Guide us, we pray, in a life of hope and justice,
And help us see with your eyes
the ways which lead to beloved community
where Christ Jesus is at the center.

All: Amen.
*Song: Koinonia

1.
How can I say that I love the Lord whom I’ve never seen before; and for-
warm beside each and every day?

2.
How can I look up on your face and ignore God’s love? You I

(continued on other side)

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
Prayer of Confession

Lindsey Altvater Clifton

God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home, when we wander from your ways and waste the gifts you have given us,

Koinonia, derived from the original κοινωνία, is a Greek word meaning fellowship.

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
when we are overwhelmed by the call
to live for justice and peace,
when we close our ears to such challenge,
our hearts to such risk, and fail to see the need of others,
forgive us, we pray, and welcome us back,
so that we might live in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ, our beloved brother.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Anthem: Let It Rise [#15]  
Gregory Drumwright (MDiv ’18)  
Stanley Johnson (MDiv ’16)

Scripture: Luke 15:11-20  
Ethan Cagle (MDiv ’18)

Sermon: “When Sons Face A Broken America”  
Courtney Clayton Jenkins

Prayers of the People:  
Refrain from Lead Me, Guide Me [#91]  
Veronice Miles

Sending  
*Benediction  
Courtney Clayton Jenkins

*Sending Song: For Everyone Born [#46]
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
A visionary pastor and teacher representing a new generation of leaders, Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins serves as the Senior Pastor and Teacher of South Euclid United Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Jenkins made history when she became the first woman, first African American and the youngest pastor called to lead this unique congregation. She is the author of Stepping Back to Step Up: A Six-Week Devotional to Refresh, Refuel and Recharge Women in Ministry.

Worship
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