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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Gathering

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
By Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,
Now we give thanks for grace.

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Connecting

(opportunity to greet one another)

Singing

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Music and Lyrics by Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

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Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Centering

Connie Jones

Gather us into this sanctuary.

Gather us in to be sanctuary.

Here in this place we seek justice together.

Here in this place we live into God's love.

Here in this place we're called to question.
Here in this place we're invited to think.
Here in this place we challenge our faith.
Here in this place we're invited to listen.
God speaks in mysterious ways,
And gives us voice to speak our truths.
Making sense of an ancient word,
We hear God's call in our lives today.
Urging us onward, pushing us out of our comfort zones,
Calling us out to do God's work.
Here in this place, we listen, we answer, we go out to do the work.

Fresh Word

Ministry with Young People

Praying

Craig Tyrl

Administrative Pastor

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, Send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Offering

We Are an Offering

By Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
God, use our voices, God, use our hands,
God, use your lives, they are yours,
We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Reading

Hebrews 1: 23-25

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good
deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Learning

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Sending

Carry the Light

By Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,
We have received your grace.
We give you honor and glory,
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love.
Now we go out to share the good news.
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light to all the Earth!
Carry the light! Carry the light!
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

Departing

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