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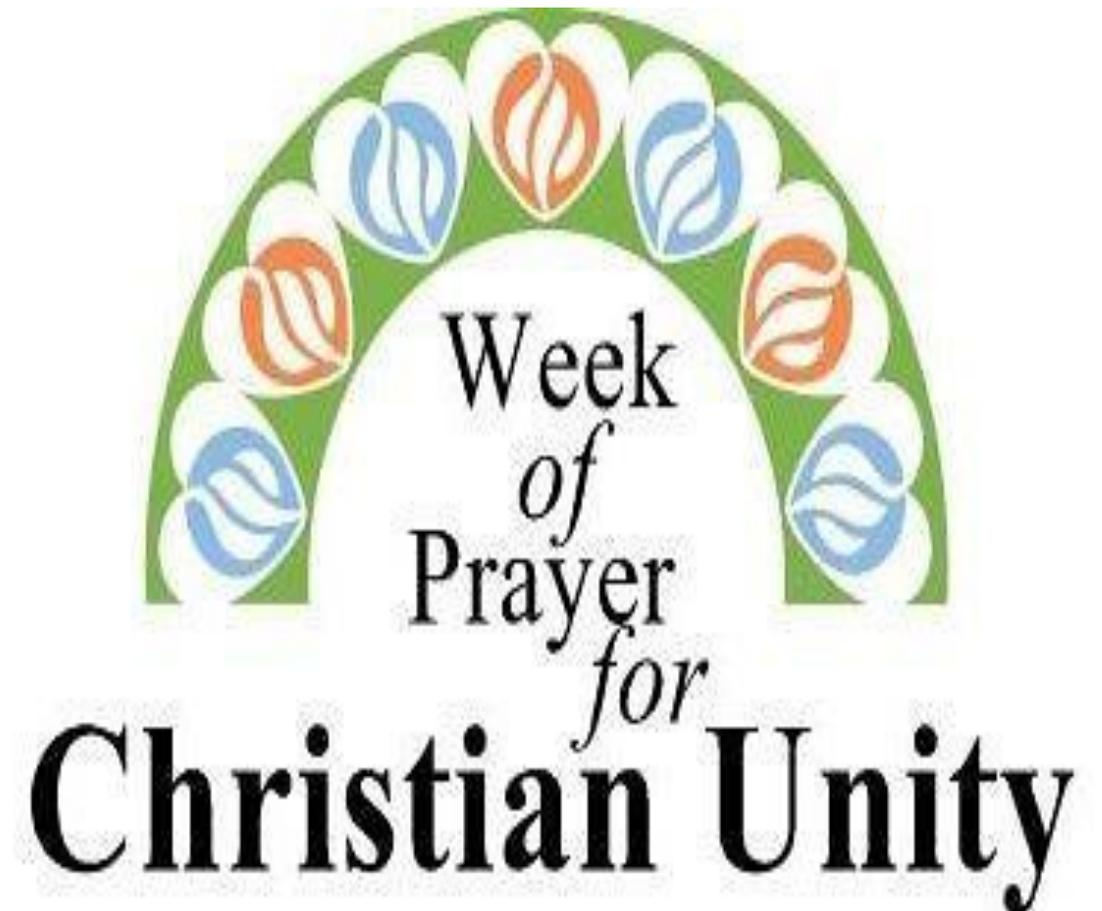
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Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never be abandoned.

Dag Hammarskjold



**W e l c o m e**

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Music for Quiet Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:**

**Calling Each Other To Worship**

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love

**All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.**

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

**All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.**

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

**All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.**

**Opening Hymn:** "Down By the Riverside" #673 Chalice hymnal

**Calling God into Our Hearts, Minds, and Spirits (In Unison as in one voice)**

From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!". In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

**GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN**

**Anthem** "Reach Out and Touch" by Charles Brown

**A Time for the Child In Us All**

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

**\*Fellowship Hymn:** "O How I Love Jesus" #99 Chalice hymnal

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 65-5-12, Mark 1:14-20

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Be Careful With The Nets"

**Anthem** "Be Strong" by Pepper Choplin

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**Responding in Prayer**

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

Response

**Responding through Giving**

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

**Hymn of Praise:** "The Doxology"

**\*Dedication Our Gifts and our Talents of Given as Well as Our Funds** (In Unison) May these gifts, given to the ministries of grace, a blessing to not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen

**GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*Closing Hymn** "We Are Marching to the Light of God" #442 Chalice hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**Organ Postlude:**

**\*Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit.