



Between Heaven and Earth by Jan Richardson

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Zoom Worship

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandra Lepley

One: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

All: Thanks be to God for such wondrous love!

One: Come this day into the presence of God.

All: We come with overflowing hearts!

One: Celebrate God's mercy and compassion.

All: Praise be to God who offers us hope. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Miguel Atkins-Whitley

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sandra Lepley

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles
and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

OPENING HYMN

Sacred the Body God Has Created

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Barb DeBarger

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Psalm 139:1-6; 13-24](#)
[John 1:43-51](#)

Miguel Atkins-Whitley
Sandra Lepley

SERMON

Pastor Eric

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)

All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

Our Loving God, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

MISSION MOMENT

Carol Gilliland

TIME OF GIVING

Sandra Lepley

Invitation to Giving

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to

[give online via our web site and clicking "Donate" in the upper right of the screen.](#)

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric

POSTLUDE

Upcoming Gatherings

- **Youth Group** tonight, 5:00 p.m. (See email for details.)
- **Celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's Life and Message**, Monday at Noon
Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/3290290990?pwd=elA2ZytGckNXZnNtaGFpcFpFbXhaQT09>
- **Pastor Eric's Community Coffee Hours** Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3290290990?pwd=elA2ZytGckNXZnNtaGFpcFpFbXhaQT09>
Meeting ID: 329 029 0990, Passcode: 989
- **Anti-Racism Coffee Chat**, Next Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
hosted by Doug Leich and Mary Kay McClure
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804423154?pwd=ZUVLSTkrZXNTQitxNi9aSnDuZDh6Zz09>
Meeting ID: 838 0442 3154, Passcode: 311752

Announcements

January Ingathering: Diaper Drive for Eden UCC's Neighbors

We continue our Ingathering tradition on the third Sunday of each month. Although food is still greatly needed, this month we invite Ingathering donations to supply another community need – diapers for the many babies of low-income families in sister-church Eden UCC's Cherryland neighborhood. Eden's Pastor Arlene Nehring describes the need this way:

"Baby Diapers: Sizes range from 1-6. In Cherryland, sizes 5 and 6 are the most popular. Note: food stamps/EBT/CalFresh do not cover diapers or baby wipes. [One recent] Wednesday, we gave away about \$4,000 worth of diapers. Note that each case of diapers has 6 packages of diapers. We only share a package per child--not a case--which shows you how many babies we have in our neighborhood, and how YOUNG our community is. The average resident of Cherryland is under age 18."



Please contribute to our Diaper Drive by making an Ingathering donation this Sunday, January 17th, or any other time. We will then purchase and deliver as many diapers as we can to Eden UCC, who will distribute them in conjunction with their "Comida para Cherryland" food pantry. Donations can be made through the [DCC donations web page](#) (select Outreach Donations / Other and type in "Diaper Drive").

Our congratulations to Eden UCC for their well-earned honor as a "2020 California Nonprofit of the Year"!

Pastor Eric's Community Coffee Hours

Beginning Thursday, January 21, you are invited to join Pastor Eric on **Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** for an informal, open space gathering we are calling "Pastor's Community Coffee Hours." During this continued time of physical distancing, some of us may need a little extra dose of connection, conversation, and community. You are welcome to join Pastor Eric and other DCC members for casual conversation with your favorite cup of coffee or tea. Feel free to drop in for 5-minutes or spend the entire hour with us in this virtual space to talk about whatever is on your heart and/or mind. Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3290290990?pwd=elA2ZytGckNXZnNtaGFpcFpFbXhaQT09>

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Second Hour Coffee Chat

Next Sunday, January 24, at 11:00am
hosted by Doug Leich & Mary Kay McClure

The DCC Antiracism Ministry Team invites you all to join us during second hour next Sunday, January 24, from 11:00am to Noon for a series of second hour events we are calling Coffee Chats. These will be informal spaces for dialogue with some members of the team where we welcome you to bring your questions and reflections on anti-racism work. We envision this to be a time to learn from each other, and if desired, brainstorm ways to find answers to the questions we bring forth to the discussion. Feel free to join whichever (or however many) session(s) you are available for. There will be different team members present each week.



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DCC Anti-Racism Team

Upcoming Events 2021

Book Study: Dear Church

Join us in reading and reflecting on the book, *Dear Church: A Love Letter from A Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*, by Lenny Duncan. We will gather in four sessions, the first to give an overview of the book and co-create a covenant to guide how we will engage with each other, and the following three sessions to discuss each of the three parts of the book. We ask that those who decide to take part in this book study, to commit to attending all four sessions, and commit to reading the chosen section prior to attending so we can all engage in the discussion.

Preparation:

We recommend supporting independent book stores when purchasing this book, for example Rakestraw in Danville, or purchase online through IndieBound. The book is also available for Kindle and as an audiobook.



Schedule:

Orientation: February 2, 7-9pm

Section 1: March 2, 7-9pm

Section 2: March 16, 7-9pm

Section 3: March 30, 7-9pm

Orientation Meeting Zoom Link:

Meeting ID: 892 7673 6833

Passcode: 1KVi5u

Learning Series

Join us in engaging in monthly events in which we discuss and reflect on various articles/podcasts/videos/speakers as a way of learning together about different parts of anti-racism. Each of these sessions will be stand alone, so you are welcome to join whichever and however many sessions you choose. Our first meeting will be an orientation to co-create our curriculum for this series. Please come with your ideas of what you want to learn about!

Preparation:

We will send out the learning materials in advance of each session. We request that those who plan to attend sessions come prepared having engaged with the materials before each discussion.

Schedule: TBD

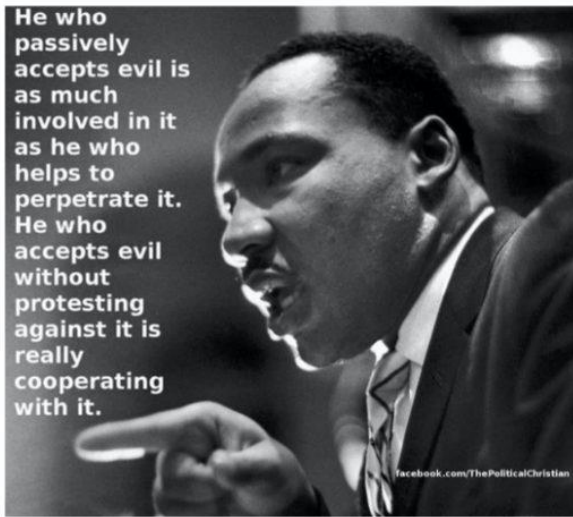
Zoom link:

Will be created for each event and sent out monthly with the preparatory materials.

We also invite you to consider buying this and other books from Black-owned book sellers.

- [Here's a link to Black-owned bookstores by state.](#)
- If you're in Oakland, stop by [Marcus Books](#). They don't ship but you can call them to see if it's in stock or to order it and then swing by. It's a great store!
- [You can order it from The Collective in Oakland.](#)

Celebrate Dr. King's Life and Message



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Julius Van Hook

Interfaith Juvenile Chaplain – ICHANGE Program of I4C

***“As Light Breaks Forth, Live as
Children of the Light.”***

Monday, January 18, 2021 at Noon

Online! Register for this event at

<https://tinyurl.com/I4CMLKDay>

***With the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, St. Benedict's
Gospel Choir (Oakland) and Choirs from Black Churches
around the County, including Easter Hill United Methodist
Church and Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church!
Conversation following!***

**Sponsored by: The Social Justice Alliance of The Interfaith Council of
Contra Costa County, and the Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Center**

[Pre-register here to receive the Zoom link.](#)



This year, Hope Solutions will present our annual fundraising gala, [Ruby Slippers-There's No Place Like Home](#) in the comfort of your own home on Saturday, February 27th, 2021. *Ruby Slippers* will be virtual and live-streamed from the [Ruby Slippers Gala](#) website. There will be a live and silent auction with fabulous items to bid on, inspirational message from a Hope Solutions' resident, feature of local musicians, Children's Choice Award, Community Art Project, and Virtual Red Carpet!

1. Register for this FREE event! [CLICK HERE to register.](#)

2. Donate an auction item or gift card. Visit our signup genius for a list of items (including gift cards) needed for our silent auction at <https://tinyurl.com/yynbd9uy>. [Learn more.](#) All auction items are due to Hope Solutions by Monday, January 25.

3. Spread the word! Share this Hope Solutions [Ruby Slippers Gala Facebook Event](#) link with your friends, family, and colleagues from coast to coast and around the world.

Our Mission: *Hope Solutions heals the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services to highly vulnerable families and individuals.*

Ruby Slippers Gala website: <https://hopesolutions.ejoinme.org/RubySlippers2021>

Ministers—The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

The Rev. Eric Sherlock
Senior Pastor
The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley
Associate Pastor
John Kendall Bailey
Music Director

Mary-Marie Deauclaire
Handbell Director
Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury
Office Manager
Nicole Doyle
Nursery Attendant

The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers.
If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else,
contact a pastor or send an email to prayers@danvillechurch.org.
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

Sonna Dhamrait, Dayspring Preschool Director
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Black Queer Lives Matter
Black Women Matter
Black Men Matter
Black Disabled People Matter
Black Children Matter
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