

**Dismantle
Racism**

Romans 10:12

**YES!
We're
OPEN**

**“Be the Church” Series, #4-9
10/9 @ 10am, LIVE! On-Site & Online
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PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune “Bonduca” by H. Purcell

Valerie Becker, *organ*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Isaiah 11:6-9

One: When God’s kin-dom is established on earth,

Many: leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs.

One: Calves and lions will eat together, cows and bears will share the same pasture,

Many: their young will rest side by side. Lion and oxen will both eat straw.

One: Nothing harmful will take place on the Lord’s holy mountain.

Many: But we’re not there yet, not even close.

One: Still, this is the holy dream that gathers us, convicts us, redeems us, and inspires us.

Many: In the time ahead, may we see ourselves reflected clearly in the mirror of God’s holy Word.

One: May we have the courage to confront whatever inside us or outside us keeps us from moving toward that kin-dom,

Many: where the lowly are lifted and the proud bow down before God’s justice-love.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN

O Jesus, in Whose Life I See (see below)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

from the Letters of the Early Church, Romans 10:12

SERMON

“Be the Church: Dismantle Racism”

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer

President & General Minister, The United Church of Christ

HYMN

There Is a Time for Silence (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“O God, hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart)

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Sonatine, Mouvement de Menuet, by M. Ravel

Valerie Becker, *piano*

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF THE GOOD NEWS

SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

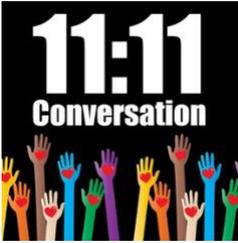
CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Trunk-or-Treat, Coming Up Soon: Saturday, 10/22 @ 2-4pm

Come help us give kids in our community some not-so-scary Halloween fun. For the fourth year in a row, we're asking you to bring your car, decorate it, and then hand out treats to hundreds of kids and their families trunk-or-treating around our parking lot. Go to [Sign-Up Genius](#) now to sign up to volunteer.



Church Budget & Finances Update: Sunday, 10/16 @ 11:11am

The Finance Team invites you to stay after worship on 10/16 for our annual update on the church budget & finances; in particular, we'll hear how we're doing on our multi-year plan to reduce our dependence on our endowment and move the church to a healthier and more sustainable financial footing.



Guatemala Delegation Report-Back after worship, 10/23

Travelers from the June 2022 delegation to our partner village of Santa Maria Tzejá, Guatemala will share photos, impressions, experiences, and stories from our joyful return there after a 2 ½-year absence due to the pandemic. You can join us on-site in the sanctuary or live online via Zoom (at the usual worship link).



Open and Affirming Ministries

Anti-Racism Course forming soon

For the last several years, our Open and Affirming Ministry Team has offered members of our congregation an opportunity to engage in direct, supported, Spirit-led conversation about racism, its causes and effects among us and in us. This year's course is shaping up to start in late October. Keep an eye on our weekly emails or email [Kathie Carpenter](#) if you're interested in learning more.



All Saints Day, 10/30

Call for Photos

As part of our worship on Sunday, 10/30, we will be observing All Saints Day, that time when the church remembers all who've died, especially those we love., and with whom we remain in relationship through the communion of the saints in the Spirit. As in previous years, our observance will include a photo montage of these gone-but-not-forgotten loved ones who died over the past year or any year. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered this way, send their photos

via email to revjohn@needhamucc with "All Saints Day" in the subject line, along with their names.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: Our operations manager, Diane Dana, has left the church's employ. While we work to fill this position, our longtime financial administrator, Cindy Sullivan will assist us by picking up some extra hours. That being said, the office will be open reduced hours in the interim: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ 8am-2pm and Thursdays @ 8am-12noon. *As always, it's best to email or call ahead if you need to come by.*

O Jesus, in Whose Life I See

O Je - sus, in whose life I see
 Though what we dream and what we do
 Though we may sing and preach and pray
 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol.

— all that I would, but fail to be,
 — in our weak wills are al - ways two,
 — a - bout your jus - tice - ma - king Way,
 — Our spir - its long to be made whole.

— let your clear light for - ev - er shine
 — help us, weighed down by things un - done,
 — un - less we change, with - out, with - in,
 — Let act - ive love, guide ev' - ry deed;

— cor - rect and guide this life of mine.
 — Je - sus, whose dreams and way are one.
 — our words are emp - ty, vague, and thin.
 — by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

There Is a Time for Silence

There is a time for si - lence, a time to list - en well, a
 There is a time for ask - ing, a time to pause and pray, there
 There's time for hum - ble stud - y, for read - ing and for thought. God
 There's time for good re - flec - tion, to pon - der who we've been, to
 And there's a time to work now, to bold - ly say their names, to

time to hear the pain - ful stor - ies oth - ers have to tell. O
 is a time to hear the pro - phets speak of God's new day, to
 may we learn from oth - ers of the jus - tice they have sought, and
 think how our own at - ti - tudes have paved the way for sin, to
 pro - test and to or - gan - ize, to ad - vo - cate for change, to

God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear, and
 hear the words of Je - sus who taught we - come, truth, and love, to
 may we learn from those who brave - ly stand a - gainst the hate, so
 list - en to the ones we fear, to folks we may re - sent, to
 use our voi - ces and to stand with those who are op - pressed. As

may we learn from neigh - bors who have long been si - lenced here.
 hear that Spir - it speak - ing through the ones who shout, "E - nough!"
 when we're recalled to jus - tice, we, your church, won't hes - i - tate.
 hear of Je - sus' call to love, and hum - bly to re - pent.
 we seek jus - tice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.