

**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
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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 1/2-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](mailto:kathie@needhamucc.org) 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](mailto:revjohn@needhamucc.org) 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 Jesus, in whose life I see
all that I would but fail to be,
Let your clear light forever shine,
correct and guide this life of mine.

Though what we dream and what we do
in our weak wills are always two,
help us, weighed down by things undone,
Jesus who dreams and way are one.

Though we may sing and preach and pray
about your justice-making Way,
unless we change, without, within,
our words are empty, vague, and thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let active love guide ev'ry deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Text: v1-2, J. Hunter (1889); v3, J. Gage (2022); v4, H. Hopson (1972); Tune: O WALY WALY

There Is a Time for Silence

1st Verse: Read these words while the music plays.

There is a time for silence, a time to listen well,
a time to hear the painful stories others have to tell.

O God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear,
and may we learn from neighbors who have long been silenced here.

Singing

There is a time for asking, a time to pause and pray;
there is a time to hear the prophets speak of God's new day,
to hear the words of Jesus who taught welcome, truth, and love,
to hear that Spirit speaking through the ones who shout, "Enough!"

There's time for humble study, for reading and for thought.
God, may we learn from others of the justice they have sought,
and may we learn from those who bravely stood against the hate,
so when we're called to justice, we, Your church, won't hesitate.

There's time for good reflection, to ponder who we've been,
to think how our own attitudes have paved the way for sin,
to listen to the ones we fear, to folks we may resent,
to hear of Jesus' call to love, and humbly to repent.

And there's time to work now, to boldly say their names,
to protest and to organize, to advocate for change,
to use our voices and to stand with those who are oppressed.
As we seek justice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.