

Union Avenue Community of Christ

Rekindle God's Gift Within You

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Mission Prayer:

God, where will your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace.

Amen

Union Avenue Mission Statement

We develop disciples for Jesus who work for peace and justice, using the resources God has given us.

Community of Christ

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CCS = Community of Christ Sings Hymnal

PW = Praise & Worship Song Book

(*Please Stand if able)

Scripture (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

Kathy Black

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Peace Prayer

Leader: Author of Peace, Write on our hearts the indelible call to be ‘pray-ers’ and makers of peace.
We lift our prayers for families in turmoil and neighbors in distress.

People: **Grace, mercy, and peace.**

Leader: For the coworker in anguish
and the friend in confusion.

People: **Grace, mercy, and peace.**

Leader: For the ones who lack resources
and the ones who lack respect.

People: **Grace, mercy, and peace.**

Leader: For the ones who lack confidence
and the ones who live in fear.

People: **Grace, mercy, and peace.**

Leader: And for all of us that we might be
the ones who will rekindle hope.

All: **Grace, mercy, and peace. Amen.**

Call to Worship (Doctrine & Covenants 163:2a) Tim

2A. Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's shalom, invites all people to come and receive divine peace in the midst of the difficult questions and struggles of life.

Follow Christ in the way that leads to God's peace and discover the blessings of all of the dimensions of salvation.

Disciples' Generous Response Gwen

(Doctrine & Covenants 162:7c-d)

^{7c} You have been given the principles of generosity, rightly interpreted for a new time. These principles call every disciple to tithe faithfully in accordance with means and capacity. Those values, deeply rooted in the Restoration faith, affirm that stewardship and discipleship cannot be divided and are dependent upon each other.

^{7d} The call to respond is urgent. Look to the needs of your own congregations, but look also beyond your walls to the far-flung places where the church must go. Each disciple needs a spiritual home. You are called to build that home and care for it, but also to share equally in the outreaching ministries of the church. In that way the gospel may be sent to other souls also yearning for a spiritual resting place.

Invitation to Communion

Tim

Statement of Purpose

From the very beginning, Community of Christ has been blessed by the words of [Doctrine and Covenants 17:22a](#):

[It is expedient that the church meet together often to partake of the bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus.](#)

We gather today to remember Jesus and be reminded that we can always have his Spirit to be with us.

All are welcome at Christ's table. The Lord's Supper, (or Communion), is a sacrament in which we remember the life, death, resurrection, and continuing presence of Jesus Christ.

In Community of Christ, we also experience Communion as an opportunity to renew our baptismal covenant and to be formed as disciples who live Christ's mission.

Others might have different or added understandings within their faith traditions. We invite all who participate in the Lord's Supper to do so in the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Sending Forth (Romans 15:13, adapted)

Tim

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with such peace
and joy in your faith,

that you may be renewed, and empowered,
and sent forth to serve

by the power of the Holy Spirit.