

August 2, 2020 Spiritual Awareness Sunday 9:45 AM

PRELUDE

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
The Light of the World is Jesus
By Philip P. Blass

Welcome by Pastor Mike

CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Lisa & Raul Rodriguez

One: Something seeks to awaken us each day—we are led by a spirit of mystery and hope that urges us to grow, to expand our consciousness and share life together.

Many: **We gather with other awakened spirits to worship and enjoy the creation of this day, and to honor the source of all life and all spiritual wisdom.**

One: The question that Jesus placed before the disciples on the last night with them was, *Can you stay awake?* The word Buddha literally means, *I am awake.*

Many: **To be awake is to be fully conscious. This does not come naturally to us, surely not in our culture. We have to work at it. May ours be a faith that is both awake and being awakened to spiritual truth.**

One: All the world's religious practices are attempts to open the human family to an authentic experience of the Divine and to newfound spiritual freedom.

Prayer* (unison): led by Lisa & Raul Rodriguez
Most Gracious Creator, we greet thee in all our humanity. Thou art the First Cause and the Last Effect, the Divine Light and the Spirit of Guidance. Thy Love is in all beings; allow us to recognize Thee in all Thy Holy names and forms, as Rama Krishna, as Buddha. Let us know Thee as Abraham, as Sarah, as Zarathustra, as Moses, as Jesus Christ, as Mohammed. Your Message of Holy Love and Unity reaches far and wide, illuminating and seeking to make all of humanity into one single family of goodness and peace.

*(A Sufi Prayer; Sufis are mystical Muslims known for their spirituality)

OPENING SONG

Celebrate the Lord of Love

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Robbie Arevalos

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mike Holland

The Prayer of Jesus, based on Teilhard de Chardin's
"Mass on the World"

Our Loving Creator, who is within and beyond; Whose spirit breathes through and makes divine all dimensions of the universe; Holy be Your name. Teach us to listen to Your breath within our hearts, that in ourselves and in communion one with another, we may become as You would have us be. Strengthen our endeavor to build this Your sacred earth in caring stewardship with people of all creeds and origins. Give us this day the bread of life, the opportunity to grow, the wisdom and honesty to face our shortcomings, the courage to confront our pain; that healed by Your love, we may heal the pain in others. Be with us when our lives are shattered by dark and disabling forces; Lead us from darkness to light, for Yours is the vision, the animating and transcendent power of love. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal
Heavenly Sunlight
By George Harrison Cook

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:20-21

Once Jesus was asked by certain religious leaders when the promised kingdom of God was coming. Jesus answered them, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹nor will anyone say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you and within you.'

A Second Principle of Progressive Christianity

*We affirm that there are many ways to experience the Sacred
and that in addition to our Jesus tradition
we can draw on diverse sources of wisdom
on our spiritual journey.*

MESSAGE *Waking Up to Sacredness* Pastor Mike

COMMUNION SONG *Come, Share the Bread*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God of many Names, Lover of all Peoples;
we pray for awakening in our hearts and minds,
in our homes, in our nation, in our world;
that all may know the peace of Your Divine way.
Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT by Lisa & David Letourneau

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BENEDICTION Pastor Mike Holland

CONGREGATIONAL/CHORAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

POSTLUDE John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

I'd Rather Have Jesus

By George Beverly Shea