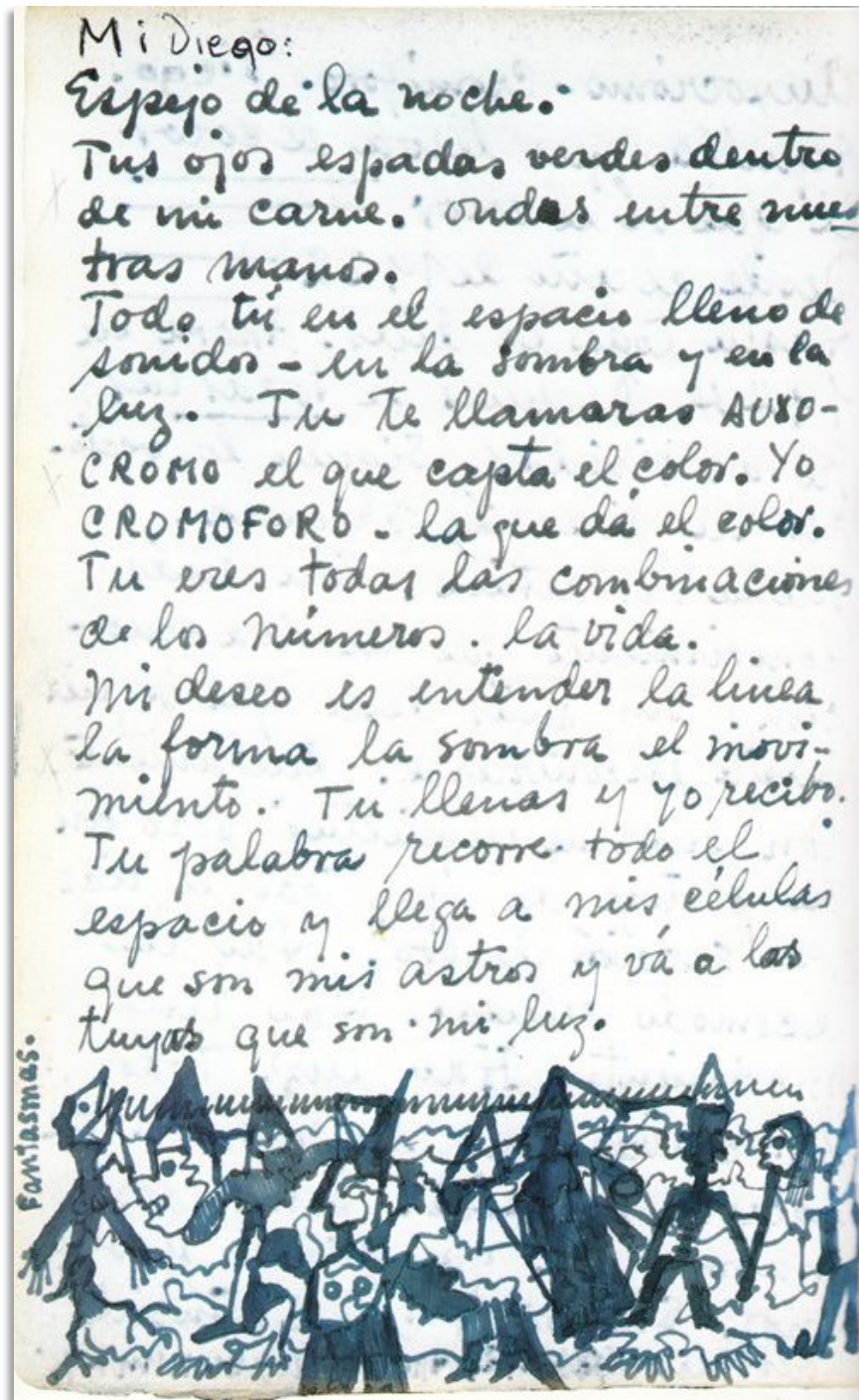


*For Your Meditation:*



Frida Kahlo's love letter to Diego Riviera

AGAPE SUNDAY ~ MAY 5, 2024  
A SEASON OF REVOLUTION THROUGH EVOLUTION:  
MINING THE INNER WORK THAT COLLECTIVE CHANGE REQUIRES



Judson Memorial Church  
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**REVOLUTION THROUGH EVOLUTION: MINING THE INNER WORK THAT COLLECTIVE CHANGE REQUIRES**  
**WEEK 5: REVOLUTION BEYOND COMFORT**

View the service with friends! \*Join Our 11AM Watch Party and Coffee Hour via Zoom [zoom.us/j/89409583117](https://zoom.us/j/89409583117)

Want to find out more about Judson? Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [judson.org/contact](https://judson.org/contact)

\*Thank you for joining us this morning! Please stay muted during service.

Conversations and announcements will occur during Coffee Hour.

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

**Rev. Micah Bucey**

**Musical Meditation**

**Henco Espag**

**Invocation**

*A Prayer for A Community Being Crushed  
(for Our Students)*

When danger descends,  
There is a ferocity that first feels like fear.  
It may be quiet.  
It may be small.  
It might not shimmer with the glimmer of certainty,  
But that doesn't mean it isn't there.

This fierceness grows,  
Not through competition,  
But through collaboration,  
Not through the destructive draw of despair,  
But through the co-creative care of connection.

The weight of the world is heavy,  
And grief often feels greater than the strength of your spirit,  
But have you stopped to see how many spirits surround you?  
Have you stopped to realize how many revolutionaries are reaching for you?  
Have you stopped to understand that you are not the only one breathing?

Stop, see, realize, understand, breathe.

See the potential of a people who will not leave wounds to simply fester.  
Realize the charisma of a collective that heals harm through the heat of kinship.  
Understand the power of a lineage that doesn't disappear into the inferno of fear,  
But instead allows it to soften them, to mold them, to reshape them into the free and flaming creatures we were  
all always meant to be.

Be the breath that fans these familial flames.  
Don't burn by yourself.  
Even a Phoenix needs friends.  
Move out from underneath that load you think you're lifting alone.  
Remember: Heat rises, but it also needs to rest.  
So rest,  
Rise,  
Repeat,  
And add your irritated energy to the unified force.

The heft is always horrifically humbling,  
But there is also always a you-shaped hole in the united net.

Empire doesn't want you to accept the invitation,  
But this is the only party that is worth your exertion.

Inhale and exhale.

When danger descends,  
There is a ferocity that first feels like fear,  
Don't fear it. Queer it.  
This world might be threatening to make us martyrs.  
But we are far more than mere memories to be dismissed after death.  
This world might already have our names engraved on gravestones.  
This world likes its saviors safely deceased,  
Free of grit,  
Free of glitter,  
Neutered and obscured by innocuous gratitude.  
But don't let them bury you in the grimy ground just yet.

As long as we're trying to overturn these tombs,  
We are the livid grit  
And we are the loving gratitude  
And we are the living glitter we wish to see in the world.

Amen

### **Opening Song PG 7**

*At this Uncertain Hour*

### **Ancient Testimony**

**Revelation 2:1-5 (NRSV)**

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

“I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

### **Modern Testimony**

**A love letter from Frida Kahlo to Diego Rivera  
Read by Fabian Burgos**

“Nada comparable a tus manos, ni nada igual al oro-verde de tus ojos. Mi cuerpo se llena de ti por días y días. Eres el espejo de la noche. La luz violeta del relámpago. La humedad de la Tierra. El hueco de tus axilas es mi refugio.

Toda mi alegría es sentir brotar la vida de tu fuente-flor que la mía guarda para llenar todos los caminos de mis nervios que son los tuyos, tus ojos, espadas verdes dentro de mi carne, ondas entre nuestras manos.”

### **Musical Testimony**

*They Were You* from the *Fantasticks*<sup>1</sup>  
by Harvey Schmidt & Tom Jones  
Soloist: Sarah Craft

### **Meditation**

**Revolution through Evolution:  
Mining the Inner Work  
that Collective Change Requires  
Week 5: Revolution Beyond Comfort,  
featuring the question:  
*Where do you find God in these times?*  
CM Emily Farthing**

## A Time For Sharing – Agape Service of Communion

### Invitation to Communion, Invitation to the Meal

~ All are free to partake of the Agape Meal, or not, as the Spirit moves ~

Agape is a word used to describe unconditional love. Agape meals are part Mass, part Eucharist, part Communion, part Welcome Table; and in all parts, a remembrance of Jesus' last Passover supper with his disciples on the night of his betrayal. It is also the communal table and joyful feast of the people of God calling forth the anticipated time of justice for all.

At Judson, all believers and non-believers and maybe-believers are welcome to the simple feast. No one need participate. Agape is the meal's title and only "rule." Here we eat together, in memory and in hope. We eat during the singing and praying, as we want. We drink either wine or juice, both of which are on the table. We eat together, following the words of Jesus reminding us to remember him.

Jesus practiced radical table hospitality: eating with everyone, in many ways. The elements of bread and drink are brought by the people, but whether you brought or not, please join the table with joy. Agape means there is plenty for all.

**AGAPE SONG PG 5-6** *Communion Song by Lee Guillatt*

### Invitation to Offerings of All Kinds

Rev. Micah Bucey  
**OFFERINGS WELCOMED!**

via VENMO @Judson-MemorialChurch

Text JUDSON to 44321 -or- Visit [judson.org/give](http://judson.org/give)



### Musical Testimony

*Your Song<sup>II</sup>*  
by Elton John & Bernie Taupin  
Soloist: Matt Cleaver

### \*Benediction

Rev. Micah Bucey

### Closing Hymn

*Love Will Lead this Revolution*

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### \* Heart of the Community - Celebrations & Concerns/Announcements

\* **Community Prayer & Coffee Hour** *During this time of "Connecting Community", our Agape Communion, Celebrations & Concerns sharing, and Community Prayer time occurs in our live 11 am Sunday Zoom watch party ([zoom.us/j/89409583117](https://zoom.us/j/89409583117)) in hybrid with our in-person service! All are welcome to join these weekly gatherings, but if you are unable to join, please do take time to read over our Celebration & Concerns (listed below), or sit for a few moments in silent reflection, or raise up a prayer for a concern or thanks. Questions, Celebrations, and Concerns may always be sent to Melissa Jameson at [melissa@judson.org](mailto:melissa@judson.org) and [JMbulletins@gmail.com](mailto:JMbulletins@gmail.com).*

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# Love Will Lead This Revolution

Text: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
New text by Micah Bucey

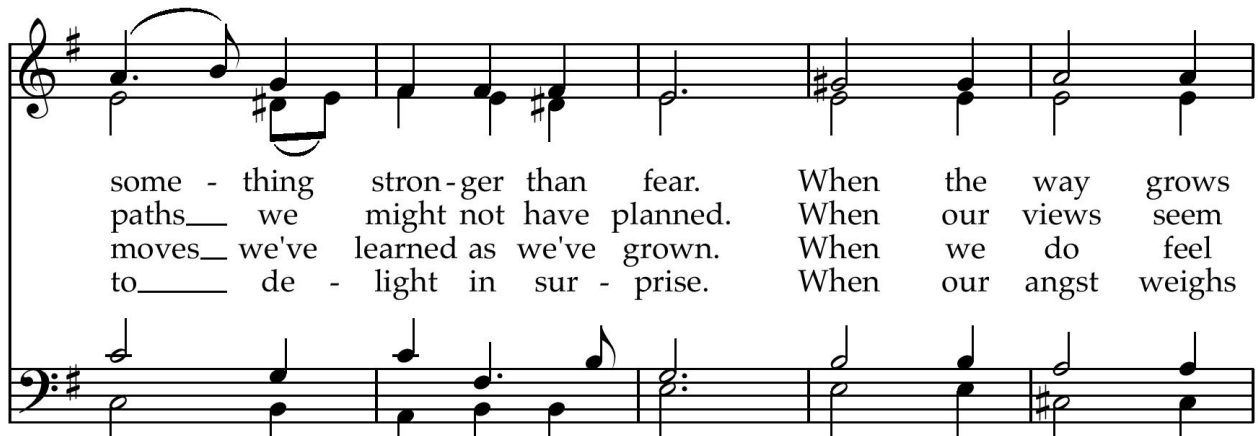
Tune: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680;  
adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1842




1. Love will lead this re - vo - lu - tion. Love will lead\_ our  
2. Peace will prod our calls for jus - tice. Peace will pull\_ till  
3. Hope will tend this e - vo - lu - tion. Hope will birth\_ ho -  
4. Joy will fuel this dance of chan - ging. Joy will swell\_ as



jour-neys from here. At this mo-moment, we make a pro-mise, Choo - sing  
we un - der - stand. At this mo-moment, we make a pro-mise, Choo - sing  
ri - zons un - known. At this mo-moment, we make a pro-mise, Choo - sing  
we ex - er - cise. At this mo-moment, we make a pro-mise, Choo - sing



some - thing stron-ger than fear. When the way grows  
paths\_ we might not have planned. When our views seem  
moves\_ we've learned as we've grown. When we do feel  
to\_ de - light in sur - prise. When our angst weighs



hard and har - dened, May we hold this me - mo - ry dear.  
small and stag - nant, May we push our souls to ex - pand.  
dis - con - nec - ted, May we know we're far from a - lone.  
down our won - der, May we wan - der and im - pro - vise.

# COMMUNION SONG

Lee Guillatt

G Cm B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$

Now I don't own a sin - gle thing. All I can give is the song I sing.\_\_\_\_

9 G Cm Fm G C G Cm

\_\_\_\_ Mine's a love song, song of love.\_\_\_\_ I come to sing of

18 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$  G Cm

wine and bread and days and nights to spend in bed,\_\_\_\_ ma-king love\_\_\_\_

27 Fm G C G Cm B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

lo - ving life.\_\_\_\_ Com - mu - nion's not an emp - ty rite; oh break the

36 E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$  G Cm Fm G C

bread and take a bite.\_\_\_\_ Drink the wine,\_\_\_\_ lo - ving life.\_\_\_\_

45 G Cm B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm

\_\_\_\_ Reach out and touch, don't hide your face. For love's the high - est state of

53 B $\flat$  G Cm Fm G C Gm Fm

grace.\_\_\_\_ Wor-ship life,\_\_\_\_ ma - king love.\_\_\_\_ Ky - ri - e e -


63 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Fm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$  G $^7$

le - i - son, for - give us the joys we have not known. O taste your life be -

2 – COMMUNION SONG

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71 Cm G C Bb C G C



fore it's flown. Lone-ly ones, taste of life. Lone-ly ones,

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 71 through 78. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Cm, G, C, Bb, C, G, C.


79 Bb C G Cm Bb Eb Bb Eb



taste of love. But don't tell me you like my song. And please don't try to

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 79 through 86. It continues the melody from the previous staff. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Bb, C, G, Cm, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb.

88 Fm Bb G Cm Fm G C



sing a - long. Sing your own song, sing it now!

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 88 through 95. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Fm, Bb, G, Cm, Fm, G, C.

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# At This Uncertain Hour

Text: Descendi, Amor Santo; Bianco da Siena,  
d.c. 1434; tr. by Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890  
New text by Micah Bucey

Tune (Down Ampney 66 11 D):  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958  
© Oxford University Press

1. At this un - cer - tain hour, May our un - ease be our  
2. In each un - cer - tain heart, May we find new paths to  
3. With each un - cer - tain breath, May we choose life o - ver

pow'r. May we em-brace all doubt that dares to en-fold us.  
start. May we al-low each see-ker's wounds to cre-ate us.  
death. May we se-secure col-lective tools for sur-vi-val.

Each ques-tion is a friend. May lear-ning ne-ver  
We need not watch and wait. If we com-mu-ni-  
Though we don't know the way, We make it e-v'ry

end. Our cu-ri-o-si-ty will con-stant-ly mold us.  
cate, No vio-lent em-pire force will e-ver de-flate us.  
day. Un-cer-tain-ty en-sures our cer-tain ar-ri-val.





~ CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS ~

~Please sit in silent reflection, or raise up a prayer for a concern or thanks via the podium/the chat~

{A moment of silence for all the unrest happening domestically and worldwide}

Weekly additions for the bulletin version of Celebrations and Concerns may be sent to [melissa@judson.org](mailto:melissa@judson.org) and [JMbulletins@gmail.com](mailto:JMbulletins@gmail.com) by 5pm THURSDAYS. Please note: Printed requests are at the discretion of the senior minister. Requests may be edited for clarity and brevity or not published due to limited space. Thank you for understanding!

Marlyn Klee celebrates that her grand-nephew, Jacob Thompson, moved this week from an Ohio state prison into a Transitional halfway house where, under lighter supervision, he will be able to work and earn money, have visitors. He will be released from the Ohio prison system entirely in October 2024. Deepest thanks to Judson folks for their prayers for him.

Condolences to the GLIDE Memorial Church congregation and the family of Reverend Cecil Williams, on Rev. Williams' death in his home in San Francisco on April 22. For more than 60 years, Reverend Williams expanded the limits of spirituality, compassion and diversity as Co-Founder and Minister of Liberation of GLIDE in San Francisco.

Craig Kuehl celebrates the life of his 95-year-old aunt, Shirley Walden, who died in Minnesota this past Saturday. She remained a feisty Democrat until her final days.

Suresh Dianand continues to ask for prayers for his Aunt Joyce who is recovering from hip and brain surgery. She has been moved back to the rehab center.

Please continue to pray for Eugene Bailey, Valerie Holly's nephew; for Susan Julia; for rodneyabrown; for Joey Wysokowski.

~May prayers, positive energy, love and light continue to be lifted up~

Prayers of love and light as we remember loved ones who are now Home. Wherever a beautiful soul has been, may there be an abundance of beautiful memories. Ase. Amen.

Prayers for those facing transition with a loved one no matter the phase of it they may be in.

All of us at Judson continue to send strength and energy to all who are in Haiti.

May every student, parent, guardian, faculty, staff, and member of the wider school community be safe, well, and blessed SY23-24.

Let us pray for all internally displaced people and all people in conflict zones around the world. Prayers for peace.

May we all continue to pray and work on being safe as we continue in the phases of this pandemic.

**Resources for Mental Health Wellness**

[nycwell.cityofnewyork.us](http://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us)

[www.imi.guide](http://www.imi.guide) *imi Guides built for and with LGBTQ+ teens to help you explore your identity and support your mental health.*

**LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT OUR MIGRATING NEWEST NEW YORKERS ON MAY 19**

*Do you want to help migrants but can't volunteer on Mutual Aid Mondays? Do you wonder what NYC is doing for the asylum seekers coming to our city? Do you want to be able to talk about this humanitarian crisis in our backyard to your friends, relatives, and neighbors?*

Join the **Judson Immigration Task Force** after church on **Sunday, May 19**, but first fill out a card with your questions. What do you most want to know? Drop the questions in the collection baskets or at the Welcome Table or write to [maxine.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:maxine.phillips@gmail.com).



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REVOLUTION THROUGH EVOLUTION:

WEEK 5: REVOLUTION BEYOND COMFORT

Senior Minister – Rev. Micah Bucey



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**Preacher:** Community Minister Emily Farthing **Music Director:** Henco Espag

**Zoom Watch Party Pastor:** Rev. Jen Lundberg

**Liturgists:** Rev. Micah Bucey, Fabian Burgos

**Creative Contributors:** Sarah Craft, Matt Cleaver

**Production Manager:** Gregg Bellón **Asst. Production Manager:** Steve Sosa

**Tech:** Jake Zacharia **Greeter:** Bill Koch

**Coffee Hour:** *Enjoy!* **Cover Image:** Frida Kahlo's love letter to Diego Riviera

Liturgical Notes

<sup>i</sup> *They Were You* from the Fantasticks by Harvey Schmidt & Tom Jones © 1960 by Tom Jones & Harvey Schmidt, Chappell-Styne Inc.

<sup>ii</sup> *Your Song* by Elton John & Bernie Taupin © 1969 Dick James Music LTD., Administered in the USA and Canada by UNIVERSAL-SONGS OF POLYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## REVOLUTION through EVOLUTION:

Mining the Inner Work that Collective Change Requires

### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERIES AT JUDSON

**April 7:** Revolution at the Table  
(w/Rev. Micah)

**April 14:** Revolution at the Border  
(w/Community Minister Dorothee Benz)

**April 21:** Revolution for the Earth  
(w/Rev. Chelsea Macmillan)

**April 28:** Revolution with Reservations  
(w/Rev. Micah)

**May 5:** Revolution Beyond Comfort  
(w/Community Minister Emily Farthing)

**May 12:** Revolution with Radiance  
(w/Rev. Micah)

**May 19:** Revolution in Other Words  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
(w/Rev. Micah & Community Minister Josiah Mono)

Thurs May 9 | 7PM

Judson Meeting Room

Sponsored by the Religion and Socialism Working Group of the Democratic Socialists of America



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**SETTING A LARGER TABLE**  
*Creating a world of economic, racial, and social justice*

Join DSA members Andrew Wilkes and Gary Dorrien for a conversation with Dorothee Benz about their latest books. Bring finger food to share or just bring yourself. All are welcome.

**THURSDAY** MAY 9, 2024 **START AT** 7:00 PM **JUDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH** 243 Thompson St - Meeting Room

**Dorothee Benz** **Gary Dorrien** **Andrew Wilkes**

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### SUNDAY, MAY 5

**11AM JMC Sunday Service**  
Hybrid & Video Streaming online at  
[judson.org/worship](http://judson.org/worship)

### MONDAY, MAY 6

**10AM-5PM Radical Hope Mutual Aid Center**  
To volunteer, contact Ted Dawson at Judson Immigration  
Task Force [dawsontheodore@gmail.com](mailto:dawsontheodore@gmail.com)

**5PM Excess Anonymous** Email for location &  
details [jennyjennette@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjennette@gmail.com)

**6PM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**  
[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

**7PM Movement Research**  
Mondays @ Judson! FREE | [movementresearch.org](http://movementresearch.org)  
Masks are optional but encouraged.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7 No Events

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

**7:30PM Freedom to Write for Palestine**  
Judson Meeting Room

A literary event highlighting those authors who have renounced their nominations at PEN World Voices Festival in solidarity with Palestine. Supporting the Palestinian writers organization, We Are Not Numbers. Guest speakers, readings, and workshops. Presented by PalFest, Writers Against the War on Gaza, and Adalah. Organized by [WritersAgainstTheWarOnGaza.com](http://WritersAgainstTheWarOnGaza.com).

Judson Arts presents...

5/15! Black Aesthetics

6:30PM Dinner | 7:30PM Show

FREE | Full Details [judson.org/arts](http://judson.org/arts)

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

**6PM Judson Bible Study**

Via Zoom | Meeting ID: 823 5419 4685 Passcode: Judson

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

**9AM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**  
[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

**9AM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**  
[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

**7PM Peoples' Voice Café**

Judson Assembly Hall + Streamed

\*View Full Schedule & For Tickets:  
[peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://peoplesvoicecafe.org) or call 212-787-3903