



**For Your Meditation:**

*"Human beings have roots by virtue of their real, active, and natural participation in the life of a community which preserves in living shape particular treasures of the past and particular expectations for the future."*

*– Simone Weil, The Need for Roots*



Judson Memorial Church  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024  
A SEASON OF EPIPHANIES & INQUIRIES  
Senior Minister – Rev. Micah Bucey

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

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

Conversations and announcements will occur during Coffee Hour.

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**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

**Rev. Micah Bucey**

**Musical Meditation**

**Henco Espag**

**Invocation**

***A Blessing for This Person You're Becoming***

May you close your eyes and look at yourself,

Over there, on the other side of all of this,

Almost in focus, calling your name.

May you recognize that you've been this new you all along,

This you who is chock full of change,

This you who is packed with potential,

This you who has been tapping one foot, patiently waiting for you to catch up.

May you marvel at how strength stretches when you give it room to grow.

May you wonder at how fear melts away when you call it out by name.

May you gawk at how generosity begets itself when you get over yourself and give what you've got.

May you wow yourself with non-judgmental compassion by simply stepping outside the courtroom and accepting the open air.

May you never hide from the hunger,

May you never deny the drudgery,

May you never ignore the abundance of annoying angst,

May you never reject the real.

But while you accept the challenge of life as it is,

May you reach out across the distance,

One hand extended to that old you, motioning for you to follow,

The other hand extended to that new you who is coaxing you forward,

And may the you who is here, now, ready and weary,

Fall in love with the quirky chaos you've been,

Fall in love with the eager explorer you are,

Fall in love with the vibrant vision you will become,

Open your eyes,

And keep moving.

Amen

**Opening Hymn PG 4**

***Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor***

### Ancient Testimony III

### The Gospel of Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### Ancient Testimony II

### The Gospel of Mary Magdalene<sup>i</sup>

"What is matter? Will it last forever?"

The Teacher answered: "All that is born, all that is created, all the elements of nature are interwoven and united with each other. All that is composed shall be decomposed; everything returns to its roots; matter returns to the origins of matter."

### Modern Testimony in Song

### *What Are We Doing? (Good Kind of Trouble)*

Written and performed by Jenny Selig

Dear future me, did you get my note?  
Dear future me, do we ever get there?  
What can you see, should I land or hover?  
What's there to be, what's there to do? Let's get in trouble.

I want that good kind of trouble  
I want to wade right in that water, stir it up until it bubbles  
With that good, good kind of trouble

Good morning misfits, how's the air here?  
Good morning misfits, feels like homeland  
It's been tomorrow for so many days  
I think we might have to admit we've found our way.

Into that good kind of trouble  
Let's go on, wade right in that water, stir it up until it bubbles  
With that good, good kind of trouble

Dear future me, did you leave the light on?  
Good morning misfits, make it up now  
I want to know, is the love a bother?  
Let the pieces spill, fill in the hole...  
Let's get in trouble.

Into that good kind of trouble  
Let's go on, wade right in that water,  
stir it up until it bubbles  
With that good, good kind of trouble

Give me that good kind of trouble  
I want to wade right in that water,  
stir it up until it bubbles  
With that good, good kind of trouble  
Get in that good, good kind of trouble

### Meditation

### *Epiphanies & Inquiries: How Do We Keep Going?*

Rev. Micah Bucey

### Response in Song

### *Do Not Be Daunted*

*words from the Talmud, music by Henco Espag*

#### SUNG TWICE

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is divided into three systems of four measures each. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with a measure rest. The third system ends with a double bar line.

Chord symbols: Cm, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Cm, Bb, G<sup>7</sup>(b<sup>9</sup>), Cm, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Cm, Bb, Eb(sus<sup>4</sup>) Eb, Cm, Dbmaj<sup>7</sup>, Cm, Gm, Bb, Cm<sup>9</sup>.

Lyrics: Do not be daun- ted by the e - nor-mi-ty of the world's\_ grief. Do just - ly, now. Love mer- cy, now. You are not ob - li - ga- ted\_ to com-plete the work, but nei-ther are you free to a - ban-don it.

## 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)



## Offertory

*What I Did For Love* from A Chorus Line<sup>ii</sup>  
Music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban  
**Soloist: Scott Munson**

## Benediction

Rev. Micah Bucey

## Closing Song PG 5-6

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

## Celebrations & Concerns

### \*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 [JMCbulletins@gmail.com](mailto:JMCbulletins@gmail.com).

### Liturgical Notes

<sup>i</sup>Leloup, Jean-Yves. The Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Inner Traditions/Bear & Company, 44.

<sup>ii</sup>What I Did For Love from A Chorus Line. Music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban. © 1975 (renewed) Edward Kleban & Famous Music LLC.

## Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

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Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1994

Rom. 13:8-14

*Unison*

1 Spir - it of Je - sus, if I love my neigh - bor,  
 2 And if, when I have an - swered need with kind - ness,  
 3 If I am hug - ging safe - ty or pos - ses - sions,

out of my knowl - edge, lei - sure, power or wealth,  
 my neigh - bor ris - es, wak - ened from de - spair,  
 un - curl my spir - it, as your love pre - vails,

o - pen my mind to un - der - stand the an - ger of  
 o - pen my heart to hear the cry for jus - tice that  
 to join my neigh - bors, work for lib - er - a - tion, and

help - less - ness that hates my power to help.  
 strug - gles for the chang - es that I fear.  
 find . . . my free - dom at the mark of nails.

Brian Wren gave this poem the subtitle "Pilgrimage of Confession" when it was first written, referring in part to the walk made by nine white South Africans in 1972 to draw other whites' attention to the injustice of migrant labor laws.

Tune: BENJAMIN 11.10.11.10.  
 Jonathan McNair, 1994

# Many Gifts, One Spirit

Words and Music by  
AL CARMINES

Moderato

Voices

C G C F G C

1. God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
2. God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
3. Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, New-ness of each night,

Piano

E Am9 Am Am7 D7 G

When we fear the fu - ture Give to us your grace.  
You have made us diff - 'rent, Bless-ings man - y kinds.  
You are still cre - at - ing End - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G C

In the midst of chang-ing ways Give us still the grace to praise.  
As the old ways dis - ap - pear Let your love cast out our fear.  
This we see, as shad-ows part, Man - y gifts from one great heart.

C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it One love known in man - y ways,

In our dif-fer-ence is bless-ing From di-vers-i - ty we praise One Giv-er

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) has a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) consists of chords. Chords G and C are marked above the vocal line.

One Lord One Spir - it One Word Known in man - y ways,

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the same melody. The piano accompaniment continues with chords.

Hal-low-ing our days. For the giv-er, for the gifts Praise, praise, praise!

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the phrase 'Praise, praise, praise!'. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord. Chords F, C, G7, and C are marked above the vocal line.





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Liturgists & Soloists: Elena Conde & Scott Munson  
Zoom Minister: Emily Jean Gilbert Creative Contributors: Jenny Selig  
Production Manager: Gregg Bellón Asst Production Manager: Steve Sosa  
Techs: Jake Zacharia, Wenjun Chen Greeter: Keen Berger  
Flowers: Ted Dawson Coffee Hour Hosts: Jane Lucas, Craig Kuehl  
Cover: Robert Copeland

## JUDSON DISCOVERY

Judson's program for the Judson-Membership-curious

[judson.org/discovery](http://judson.org/discovery)



At Judson, we like to attentively hold those who are new to our community and discern with them as they consider officially joining.

Judson Discovery, a three-session series (in a hybrid in-person & online format) works as a no-pressure, fun way for any membership-curious folks to learn more about Judson and one another, for us to learn more about you, and for us to discover how we can more actively and intentionally invite all into deeper congregational participation and spiritual nurture.

The sessions build upon one another, exploring history, current opportunities, and future hopes, so participation at all three sessions is desired.

Our winter set of Judson Discovery  
90-minute sessions will be 1pm to 2:30pm ET:

Sunday, January 14th  
Sunday, January 21st  
Sunday, January 28th

Those who participate in all three meetings and decide to join Judson will be invited to do so at the Sunday, February 11th 11am service.

We would love to know if you'd like to participate. Please RSVP to [micah@judson.org](mailto:micah@judson.org) and let them know of any questions you might have or of any clarifications they might offer.

We look forward to discovering with you!



### ~ 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}*

Suresh Dianand asks for prayers for Dennis and Nancy Moore and their adult children. Dennis will be entering palliative care due to cancer and dementia. He continues to asks for prayers for his Aunt Joyce and her family.

Prayers for rodneycabrown and 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.*

Weekly additions for the bulletin version of Celebrations and Concerns may be sent to [melissa@judson.org](mailto:melissa@judson.org) and [JMCbulletins@gmail.com](mailto:JMCbulletins@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!

### 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.*



# THIS WEEK @JUDSON

JUSTICE. ART. WORSHIP.

[judson.org/calendar](http://judson.org/calendar)

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Pastoral Care Rev. Micah Bucey [micah@judson.org](mailto:micah@judson.org)

Pastoral E-News "The Glittergy" [sign up here](#)

To subscribe to the Judson Community listserv  
and stay connected email: [micah@judson.org](mailto:micah@judson.org)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

**11AM JMC Sunday Service**

**A Season of Epiphanies & Inquiries**

Hybrid & Video Streaming online at

[judson.org/worship](http://judson.org/worship)

~A Season of Epiphanies & Inquiries~

Jan. 21st: How do we keep going?

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**1PM-2:30PM JUDSON DISCOVERY**

*If you're Judson-Membership-curious, join us for a  
hybrid Judson Discovery session today!*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**10AM-5PM Radical Hope Mutual Aid Center**

*To volunteer, contact Ted Dawson at Judson  
Immigration Task Force [dawsontheodore@gmail.com](mailto:dawsontheodore@gmail.com)*

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

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**6PM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**

[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

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**7PM Movement Research**

Mondays @ Judson!

FREE | N95/KN95 masks are (still!) required to attend.  
[movementresearch.org](http://movementresearch.org)

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 ~ no events**

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**JAW ~ Judson Arts Wednesdays**

**6:30PM Dinner | 7:30PM Show**

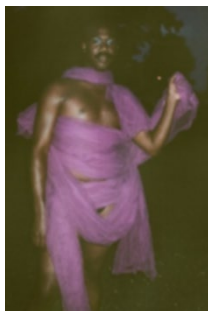
FREE | Full Details [judson.org/arts](http://judson.org/arts)

Judson Arts Presents...

**"LOVE8" with TNMoT AZTRo**

Curated by

**Arien Wilkerson & Malcolmx Betts**



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**6PM Judson Bible Study**

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**9AM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**

[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**9AM Virtual Meditation & Prayer Circle**

[judson.org/meditation](http://judson.org/meditation) Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 6778 9746 Passcode: circle

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**7PM Peoples' Voice Café**

**Judson Assembly Hall + Streamed**

*\*View Full Schedule & For Tickets:*

[peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://peoplesvoicecafe.org) or call 212-787-3903

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**11AM JMC Sunday Service**

**A Season of Epiphanies & Inquiries**

Hybrid & Video Streaming online at

[judson.org/worship](http://judson.org/worship)

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~A Season of Epiphanies & Inquiries~

Jan. 28th: Where does it hurt?

Feb. 4th: When is transformation possible?

Feb. 11th: Who are we becoming? (New Member Sunday)

## GATHER WITH US



Find more info for Judson's Book Group, Bible Study,  
Prayer & Meditation, and Excess Anonymous on our

*Read more on our Ongoing Gatherings page!*

[judson.org/ongoing](http://judson.org/ongoing)

Bill Koch here. Anyone interested in joining me in a Native-American Shaman "canoe" journey  
for healing for spirits of people killed in the Middle East war,  
please see me after church or contact me: 646-651-3998 or [bkochjr@yahoo.com](mailto:bkochjr@yahoo.com). Time & place TBA.