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**For Your Meditation:**

*"The destruction of the past is perhaps the greatest of all crimes...  
Whoever is uprooted themselves uproots others.  
Whoever is rooted themselves doesn't uproot others."  
– Simone Weil*



Judson Memorial Church  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024  
A SEASON OF EPIPHANIES & INQUIRIES  
Senior Minister – Rev. Micah Bucey

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\*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 Our Wounds*

Thomas gets a bad rap,  
Holed up in that room, hiding from harm.  
Everyone knows you shouldn't believe everything you hear,  
So why do we dismiss his doubt?

Trust but verify.  
Worthwhile rumors don't mind being investigated.  
Justifiable faith doesn't mind being substantiated.

Not everything deserves your awe.  
Not everyone deserves your vulnerability.  
But you still deserve to be touched,  
No matter the depth of your skepticism or the depth of your pain.

Don't preach. Reach.  
Out and in.  
The story isn't over, for worse and better.  
Let it stretch you like the scar you are.

Perhaps we don't need a solid savior,  
But rather a salve that simply tells the truth about the trauma  
And leaves room for us to hear the healing happening in the heartbreak.

Amen

**Opening Hymn PG 5**

*Morning Has Broken*

**Ancient Testimony I**

**The Gospel of Mark 1:21-28 (NRSV)**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once, his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Ancient Testimony II**

**The Gospel of Mary Magdalene<sup>1</sup>**

[Jesus said:] "There is no sin. It is you who make sin exist, when you act according to the habits of your corrupted nature; this is where sin lies."

## Modern Testimony in Song

Don't let us get sick  
Don't let us get old  
Don't let us get stupid, all right?  
Just make us be brave  
And make us play nice  
And let us be together tonight

The sky was on fire  
When I walked to the mill  
To take up the slack in the line  
I thought of my friends  
And the troubles they've had  
To keep me from thinking of mine

Don't let us get sick  
Don't let us get old  
Don't let us get stupid, all right?  
Just make us be brave  
And make us play nice  
And let us be together tonight

The moon has a face  
And it smiles on the lake  
And causes the ripples in Time  
I'm lucky to be here  
With someone I like  
Who maketh my spirit to shine

## Meditation

## Response in Song PG 6

## Invitation to Offerings of All Kinds

## Offertory

Where do you start?  
How do you separate the present from the past?  
How do you deal with all the things you thought would last  
That didn't last?  
With bits of memories scattered here and there  
I look around and don't know where to start

Which books are yours?  
Which tapes and dreams belong to you and which are mine?  
Our lives are tangled like the branches of a vine  
That intertwine  
So many habits that we'll have to break  
And yesterdays we'll have to take apart

*Don't Let Us Get Sick* by Warren Zevon  
Performed by Jeff Turrentine

*Epiphanies & Inquiries: Where Does It Hurt?*  
Rev. Micah Bucey

*Come Healing* by Leonard Cohen

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*Where Do You Start?*  
*Music by Johnny Mandel, words by Marilyn and Alan Bergman*  
*Soloist: Ruby Rims*

One day, there'll be a song or something in the air again  
To catch me by surprise and you'll be there again  
A moment in what might have been

Where do you start?  
Do you allow yourself a little time to cry  
Or do you close your eyes and kiss it all goodbye?  
I guess you try  
And though I don't know where and don't know when  
I'll find myself in love again

I promise there will always be  
A little place no one will see  
A tiny part deep in my heart  
That stays in love with you

**Benediction**

**Rev. Micah Bucey**

**Closing Song PG 7**

*Let It Be by John Lennon & Paul McCartney*

**Celebrations & Concerns**

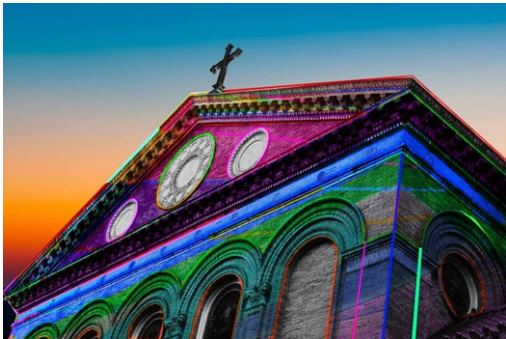
**\*Heart of the Community - Celebrations & Concerns/Announcements**

**\*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).*

## JUDSON DISCOVERY

Judson's program for the Judson-Membership-curious

[judson.org/discovery](https://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!*

### Liturgical Notes

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

<sup>ii</sup> Where Do You Start? Music by Johnny Mandel, words by Marilyn and Alan Bergman © 1987 Threesome Music Co & Marissa Music.



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Liturgists & Soloists: Sevrin Anne Mason, Jeff Turrentine, Ruby Rims  
Zoom Minister: Emily Farthing Creative Contributors: Jenny Selig  
Production Manager: Gregg Bellón Asst Production Manager: Steve Sosa  
Techs: Jake Zacharia, Wenjun Chen Greeter: Phil Eggers  
Flowers: Ted Dawson & Bart Boehlert Coffee Hour Host: Lance Philadelphia  
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## ~ CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS ~

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!

*~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}*

The family of Reathel Bean celebrates the good hearts and helpful people who make up the Judson staff and community members! We are grateful beyond words for your love and help with the memorial service for Reathel on January 27.

Pray for the physical and emotional healing of Dan Shenk's twenty-two year old grandniece, Iris Roberts, who was attacked by a friend's Rottweiler ten days ago. Iris was caring for a friend's dog, as an act of generosity, when the attack occurred. She is presently at UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. It appears that a skin graft on her right arm will be necessary.

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 ask for prayers for his Aunt Joyce and her family.

Prayers for Rodney Brown 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.*

## 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.*

# Morning Has Broken

*Unison*

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

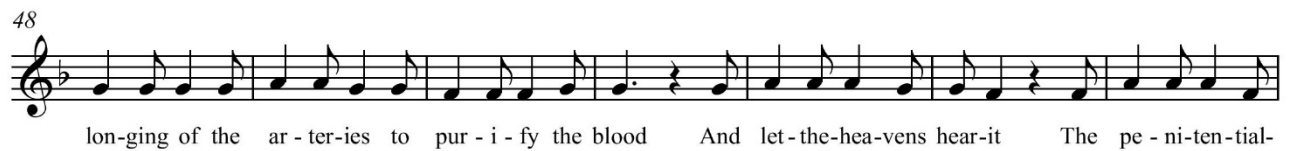
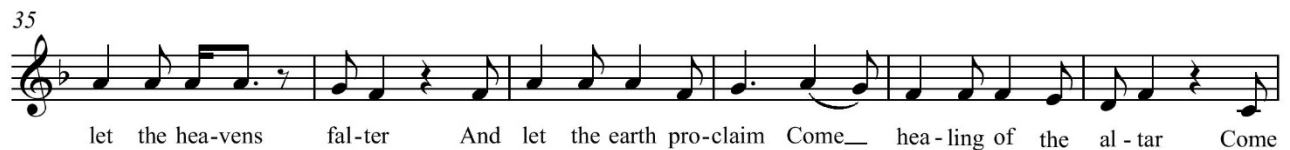
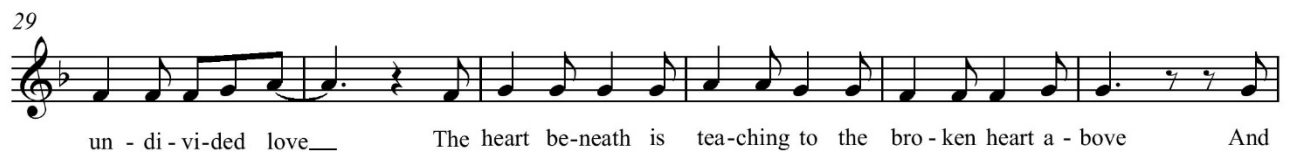
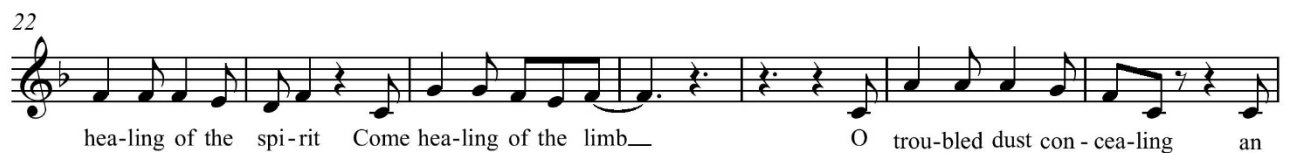
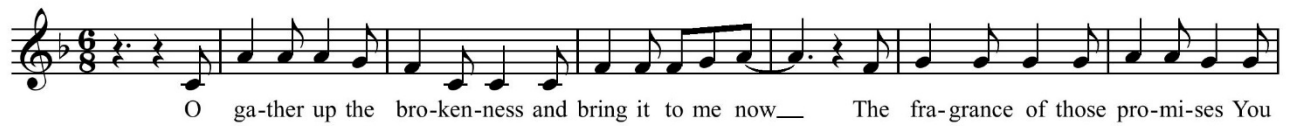
Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
 Praise ev - 'ry morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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# COME HEALING

Leonard Cohen

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## LET IT BE

By John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Slow Tempo

G D Em C G D C D<sup>7</sup> G G D

1. When I find my self\_ in times of trou-ble  
the bro-ken hear-ted peo-ple  
the night is clou-dy There is

6 Em D C<sup>maj7</sup> C<sup>6</sup> G D C G Am<sup>7</sup> G

Mo-ther Ma - ry comes to me Spea-king words of wis - dom, let it be. And  
Li - ving in\_ the world a-gree There will be an an - swer, let it be. For  
still a light that shines on me Shine un - til to mor - row, let it be. I

9 D Em D C<sup>maj7</sup> C<sup>6</sup>

in my hour of dark - ness She is stan-ding right in front\_ of me\_  
though they may be par - ted there is still a chance that they\_ will see\_  
wake up to the sound of mu - sic Mo-ther Ma - ry comes to me\_

11 G D C G Am<sup>7</sup> G D Em D C<sup>maj7</sup> G

Spea-king words of wis-dom, let it be. Let is be, let it be, Let it be, let it be,  
There will be an an - wer, let it be.  
Spea-ling words of wis-dom, let ie be.

15 1. 2. 3. D C G Am<sup>7</sup> G C G Am<sup>7</sup> G D

Whis-per words of wis - dom, let it be. 2. And when be. Let is be,  
There will be an an - swer, let it be. 3. And when  
There will be an an - swer, let it be.

18 Em D C<sup>maj7</sup> G D C G Am<sup>7</sup> G

let it be, Let it be, let it be, Whis-per words of wis-dom, let it be.