

Be the Change

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A Beloved Community
Practicing the Possible Through Prayer
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*The following is the outline Rev. Diana prepared to
guide the Conscious Conversation. You may view
the video with subtitles on [our YouTube](#)*

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Rev. Diana

Good Morning and Welcome

Recorded Congregational Music

 God Is, I Am by Eddie Watkins, Jr.

 Thank You, God by Eddie Watkins, Jr.

 When I Pray by Daniel Nahmod

Opening Prayer/Global Connection/Meditation

Music: *We Shall Be Known*, by Ma Muse

“We shall be known by the company we keep...” **What does this mean? Is it true?**

“...by the ones who circle round to tend these fires.” **What does it mean to ‘tend the fires?’**

“We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap the seeds of change alive from deep within the earth.” **What are the seeds of change that are alive right now in the world?**

Why do you suppose the song speaks of these changes as being alive from deep within the earth?

“It is time now, it is time now that we thrive. It is time we lead ourselves into the well.” It is time now. Not tomorrow, not next year, not when it’s more convenient to do the work, to make the changes. It doesn’t say *survive*, it says *thrive*.

What a powerful word. What does human thriving look like?

And what does it mean to lead ourselves into the well?

“It is time now, and what a time to be alive. In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in Love.”

What is *this Great Turning*?

The Great Turning is a name for the shift from the Industrial Growth Society we live in to a life-sustaining civilization. People are realizing that our needs can be met without destroying our world. We have the technical knowledge, the communication tools, and material resources to grow enough good, ensure clean air and water, and meet rational energy needs. It is believed that future generations, if there is a livable world for them, will look back at the epochal transition we are making to a life-sustaining society, and may well call this the time of the Great Turning. It is happening *now*. With or without our conscious participation.

Why is this a Conscious Conversation at a Sunday Service? Why is this a topic for our Spiritual Consideration?

Love-Soaked World

We join together in consciously taking part in The Great Turning...we step into prayerful action as we envision and take part in creating a Love-Soaked World.

Together, we feel and know a world where all beings are peaceful, loving, abundant, and free...where all people practice loving kindness and care for one another and for our planet. We envision a world where all needs are met...where all beings have plenty of nourishing food, the safety of a warm and comfortable home, medical care, education, healthy relationships, right livelihood, creative contribution, and a sense of belonging...

Living from our Highest Ideals, we create a world in which every being is valued for their inherent Goodness and Light...where the Peace we cultivate within shows up as a world free of violence.

Together we feel and know a world without greed, where there is abundance and contentment in simply having *enough*...Where every being, as a precious creation of God, is deserving of all the blessings life has to offer and receives those blessings openly and gratefully.

With humanity serving as God's hands, feet, hearts, and voices, ***there is no reason we cannot have such a world.***

With nothing and no one in its way, we are creating it now as we speak our Powerful Word. And so it is...Amen.

Congregational Song: *We Shall Be Known*, written by Karisha Longaker

So what happens now? We've laid down the groundwork in consciousness. **What's next? What will be your individual way to Be the Change?**


What new ways of being, thinking speaking, acting will you truly commit to? I invite you to take this question with you as you move into your week. It is an important question...our future as a human family, and as a planet, depends on it.

Affirmation for the Offering

Offertory Music – *Halleluiah*, written by Leonard Cohen & Chris Johnson

Blessing

Closing Songs

 ***A Soul's Blessing***, written by Chris Johnson

 ***Love Be With You***, written by Lainey Bernstein, RScP & Gary Lynn Floyd