

from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

RESPONSE

Rev. Tammy Jacobson

We have heard the words of Jesus

“I was hungry and you gave me food.”

So we listen now for how we are called to respond.

SPEAKER 1

Rev. Devlyn Brooks, Churches United

RESPONSE

Rev. Tammy Jacobson

When we open our hands to feed the hungry, we begin to see the face of Christ.

In the hungry, the unhoused, and the stranger.

SONG

“Hold On”

Lauren Kueper

Hold on, Hold on, My Dear Ones, Here Comes the Dawn

SPEAKER

Dan Hannaher, Global Refuge

RESPONSE

Rev. Tammy Jacobson

When we create space for those without shelter, we begin to see the face of Christ.

In the hungry, the unhoused, and the stranger.

SONG "For Everyone Born" Kevin Stenstrom
*God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy—compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice—
Justice and joy*

SPEAKER Dr. Fanny Roncal Ramirez, CASA

RESPONSE Rev. Tammy Jacobson
When we widen the circle of welcome, we begin to see the face of Christ.
In the hungry, the unhoused, and the stranger.
"Just as you did it to the least of these...you did it to me."
This is the path of Jesus.

OFFERING Rev. Michelle Webber

SONG "Down to the River to Pray" Kevin Stenstrom
*As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way
Oh neighbors, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
Oh neighbors, let's go down, down in the river to pray.
Oh, Children....Oh... Siblings....Oh, People....*

PRAYERS Rev. Michelle Webber
Response: **We will love our neighbors, today and every day.**

BLESSING Rev. Beth Monke

SONG "This Little Light of Mine" Kevin Stenstrom
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Everywhere I go...
We are on our way...
Every single day...*

This has been a truly ecumenical event, planned by ordained and lay leaders from ELCA Lutheran, United Methodist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Unitarian Universalist denominations. We know there are many other people of faith and conviction represented here today. Thank YOU for joining us. Let's continue to lift up these values, love *all* our neighbors, and build a better world together!