

# CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Rev. John Morehouse  
February 7, 2021 10 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Gian Morresi, Worship Associate

CHALICE LIGHTING

COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

HYMN #149 "Lift Every Voice"

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

LEADING LIGHT AWARD Gian Morresi

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CANDLELIGHTING

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

MUSIC "A Bridge Is Stronger Than a Wall"

Once & Again Singers

SERMON "Creating Beloved Community"

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

OFFERING  <https://vop.tucw.org/>

David Vita

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Let us be grateful when we are able to give,  
For many do not have that privilege.  
Let us be grateful for all those who share their gifts,  
For we are enriched by their giving.  
And let us be grateful even for our needs,  
So that we may learn from the generosity of others.

CLOSING WORDS

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## Revealing History: How We Got Here; Why It Matters

### *Racial Injustice: From Slavery to Mass Incarceration*

Guest Speaker: **Elliot Spillers, Project Manager**

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OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS - Kristin Trost

INTRODUCTIONS - Pat Francek

ART MONTAGE #1: Narration - Lisa Donohue-Olivieri; Music - A.J. Gundell

POETRY SLAM: “Daddy’s Fears” - Joan ‘Lyric’ Leslie, Writer, Performer, Community Organizer, Podcast Host

SPEAKER AND MODERATOR INTRODUCTION - Pat Francek

PRESENTATION - Elliot Spillers, Justice Fellow at the **Equal Justice Initiative** Montgomery, Alabama

LIVE ZOOM Q & A - Moderator Professor Althea Seaborn with Elliot Spillers

ART MONTAGE #2: Narration - Lisa Donohue-Olivieri; Music – A.J. Gundell

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Teryl Eisenberg

PRAYER SONG – James Stewart/Julie Gold/A.J. Gundell

Performed by James Stewart and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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