

October 31, 2021 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*
Fair Trade Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome *(Dana)*

Call to Worship *(Dana)*

One We gather to be renewed;

All May our energy and resolve be enlivened to change the injustice we see before us;

One We gather to be encouraged;

All May we be moved to lift our voices, to speak out and defend the rights of the least and last.

One We gather to be challenged;

All May our compassion be deepened to bring comfort to the distressed, abundance to those who have nothing, friendship to those who are lonely.

One May our gathering be a blessing to all.

Joining Our Voices #273 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator (vs. 1-3)*

Prayer in unison *(Renee leads)*

Liberator Christ, you came into a holy place and read the sacred word about sight for the blind and freedom for the prisoners; about setting the oppressed free and proclaiming the year of the jubilee. Come now to this place and read these words to us until our eyes are opened and our faith is unlocked, and we can see the world as it is, and as it could be; until the well being of every living thing is taken seriously; until the visions of the young are valued and the potential of all is released; until your realm is everywhere and the church is good news to the poor.

May our gathering heal and inspire us to go on loving this world with your love.
Amen.

Welcoming One Another (Renee says)

Let us renew our strength to do the work of loving justice in this world by sharing the peace of Christ among us.

Words from the heart of our faith tradition... (Jim reads)

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded. (Luke 12:48)

Prologue (Jim)

Story of Oralia Chopen (Jane)

Musical Response (Diana on the recorder — something like the Hebrew one,)

Words from the heart of our faith tradition... (Laurie says)

The field of the poor may yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice. (Proverbs 13:2)

Story of Amparo De Leon De Rubio (Laurie)

Prayer (Kathy leads)

One We pray, O God, that through our attention and actions and public statements we may continue to work towards a world where all are free from the pain of hunger and the terror of war.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One We pray for world leaders, that they may be inspired to work together to tackle the causes of poverty and injustice, and to use their power, not for their own glory but for the good of all.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One We pray for ourselves, that we may have the courage to be witnesses to the

power of sharing and to the values of global community.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Words from the heart of our faith tradition... (*Kathy reads*)

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Joining Our Voices #576 *For the Healing of the Nation (vs. 1, 3,4)*

Story of Symbols (*Sharon reads*)

Joining Our Voices #575 *O for a World (vs. 1-3)*

Offertory Invitation (*Sharon says*)

Think of the difference that fair trade can make -- imagine a fair trade world taking shape. Think of connecting hope with reality... Let us open our hearts and give generously to the work of our church that seeks to make God's dream of justice real in this world.

The Lord's Prayer (*Jane*)

One Our God who art in heaven and in all of us here on earth, holy is your name in the hungry, the oppressed, the excluded.

All May your kingdom come and your will be done, in our choices to struggle with the complexities of this world, and to confront greed and the desire for power in ourselves, in our nation and in the global community.

One Give us this day our daily bread, bread that we are called to share, bread that you have given us abundantly and that we must distribute fairly, ensuring food security for all.

All Forgive us our trespasses: times we have turned away from the struggles of other peoples and countries, times we have thought only of our own economic security.

One Lead us not into temptation: the temptation to close our minds, ears and eyes to the unfair global systems that create larger and larger gaps between rich and poor; the temptation to think it is too difficult to bring about more just alternatives.

All Deliver us from evil, the evil of a world where wealth for a few is more important than economic rights for all, the evil of a world where gates and barriers between people grow higher every year. Amen.

Looking Forward *Announcements* (Dana)

Responsive Blessing (Dana)

One In all things let us be imitators of you, O God.

All You are full of knowledge and infinite wisdom; help us to carefully consider where our products come from, and to make wise decisions about what we buy.

One Empower us to change our old habits so that our lives honor you.

All You are full of mercy and loving justice. Let your tender compassion for each one of your children move us to care for our global family. Inspire us that we may inspire others to take action too.

Joining Our Voices *O God, You Call for Justice*

To the tune of #386 in our hymnal (The Church's One Foundation)

*O God, you call for justice — for goodness, never greed!
You seek a world of fairness where all have what they need —
Where all have food and water and homes in which to thrive,
Where all have hope and laughter and joy to be alive!*

*O God, you call for kindness instead of keeping score;
You seek a world that welcomes the hungry and the poor.
Lord, where there is injustice may we work to protect
The struggling ones, the voiceless that others would reject.*

*You call us to walk humbly, for we are not our own;
We all are poor and needy; we need the grace you've shown.
May we respond to others reflecting what you give —
Compassion, kindness, justice — so all may gladly live.*

*O God, may our great nation seek justice, as we should,
and work with dedication to seek the common good.
We're blessed to be a blessing; may we within our law
Seek justice and compassion that reaches out to all.*

Sending Music

Worship Participants

Jim Dimmock
Jane Dow
Sharon Hurley
Laurie Palesotti
Kathy Taylor

With Gratitude, *the following are resources used in this service:*

Hymn: O God You Call for Justice; Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012

Today's readings are inspired by:

www.tramatextiles.org

San Juan Cotzal, "Weaving in the Wake of War, July 1, 2018

Overthrown by Stephen Kinzer, p.129-147

<https://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-guatemala-war-aftermath-20180903-story.html>

Guatemala's civil war devastated the country's indigenous Maya communities, Los Angeles Times, BY **PATRICK J. MCDONNELL**, SEPT. 3, 2018 3

Some of today's prayers are inspired by The Ion Community

On a half sheet insert:

Four ideals of the Trama coop mission:

1. Indigenous women have a role in keeping traditions alive and, at the same time, changing societies. Trama Textiles takes part in the change by empowering native women through the recognition and celebration of their traditional weaving techniques, as well as training women to be entrepreneurs and leaders. Taking our time, respecting the value of the natural materials we use, representing the weavers' identity through historical designs: all of these are small actions that respect nature and unity of the Mayan vision and fuel our mission here at Trama Textiles.
2. We aspire to a global fashion industry that conserves and restores the environment and values people over growth and profit.
3. Global Fashion Goals We strive to achieve:
 - An end to human and environmental exploitation in the global fashion industry
 - Safe and decent working conditions and living wages for all people in the supply chain
 - A redistributed and more equitable balance of power in the global fashion industry
 - A larger and stronger labor movement in the global fashion industry
 - A global fashion industry that works to conserve precious resources and regenerate ecosystems
 - A culture of transparency and accountability throughout the value chain
 - An end to the throwaway culture and a shift to a system where materials are used much longer and nothing goes to waste.
 - A world where heritage, craftsmanship, and local knowledge are recognized and valued
4. What can you do? Every time you buy a garment you should ask yourself: Who made this? Was his/her wage fair? Have his/her rights as a worker been respected? What impact does this cloth have on the environment? Human rights and the rights of nature are interconnected and interdependent. We are part of a much larger world and our right to a healthy environment depends on the health of our planet.