Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Welcome to Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

Rock Spring is a progressive Christian community – welcoming, compassionate, and joyful. We love and care for one another. We strive to discern God’s still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for peace and social, economic, and ecological justice. We seek a greater understanding of others, and thus ourselves, recognizing that all persons are members of our one human family. Our community prepares and sustains us as we work together to bring about the world that we believe God intends.

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There are a million ways to choose a home.
We choose to make it work.
We hang a wreath on the door of our shoebox apartment.
We invite company over.
We ask, “Would you like coffee with that?”
We choose to make the most of it.
We take up watercoloring or kickboxing and show up to class.
We mostly embarrass ourselves, but we were there.
We choose to not go it alone.
We sign up to volunteer and make ourselves a nametag.
We slide weary bones into weary church pews.
We shake hands and say hello.
We let the music cover us, like a blanket, or a prayer.
We choose to love what we have.
We look in the mirror and speak kindly to our body.
We buy flowers at the market and arrange them in jelly jars.
There are a million ways to choose a home.
So like Jesus in the temple
who chose to stay,
who chose to speak,
who took up space because he knew he was home,
I invite you to do the same.
Put your body
where your soul feels alive.
Give yourself permission
to take up space there.
Stay, as long as it takes.
Return, as often as you need.
There are a million ways to choose a home.
Choose wisely. We need you here.
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

Jesus said,
“This is my Father’s house.”
So come into this space
just as you are.
Come into this space
speaking your truth.
Come into this space
with your authentic self.
This is God’s home.
This is our home.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #143 (NEXT PAGE)  ----------------------------------------ANTIOCH

Joy to the World
Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
   and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
   and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
   And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

   And heaven and nature sing, and
   Re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-
   And wonder of his love, and
   heaven and na-ture sing, and
   joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
   love, and wonder, won-ders of his love.

   heaven and nature sing, peat the sound-ing joy,
   wonders of his love,
A TIME FOR ALL AGES

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE
   Luke 2:41-52

HYMN SING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)
   Holy One*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

   *May use Creator, Father, Parent, Abba

*HYMN #167 (NEXT PAGE) ----------------------------- GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
   Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night,
2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
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NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE
Matthew 2:1-12

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