

ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

JANUARY 2 @ 9:30AM
MEETINGHOUSE AND ONLINE



WELCOME, FRIENDS

We began our Alternative Worship Expression this fall, together seeking a way of living faith that speaks to the real of our lives and those of the world around us. In our weekly services (at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and online) we gather around themes of the Christian faith, aiming to integrate them into our lives and being.

Together we explore what it means that God and faith is about the whole of our lives and everything we do--that spirituality isn't relegated to church but an invitation into a way of being human.

Together we seek to live responsibly in view of reality: the struggle, suffering, beauty and pain of our world. We want to be good grownups, living out faith that helps to heal our world and to be "good news" in it.

Together we bring ourselves, showing up with the expectation that Christian faith at its heart is the invitation to become... to live differently than we did before: to become people who live love in our world.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

JOHN 13:34 (NRSV)

MORNING INVITATIONS

WELCOME | CONNECTION | JEFF LINDSAY

SETTING THE TABLE | PRAYER | ANDREW ZHAO

SONG #1: BANKS (NEEDTOBREATHE) | BAND

Lyrics: "I wanna hold you close but never hold you back
Just like the banks to the river"

Note: We are invited to be a people who love as God has loved us. This theme is repeated over and over again in the Bible... and yet we can sometimes forget and struggle to do love. This song offers both a reminder of God's love for us... and of the love that we are called to embody to one another.

Wonder: Have you experienced a relationship that is marked by this invitation to truly "love one another"? How has the relationship opened you to God's love?

GOD'S GARDEN | ALL OF US

BREATHE-IN | CATHY KOLWEY

SONG #2- TO MAKE YOU FEEL MY LOVE (ADELE) | BAND

Lyrics: "I know you haven't made your mind up yet | But I would never do you wrong | I've known it from the moment that we met | No doubt in my mind where you belong."

Note: When you think of the heart of the Christian God-story, it is in many ways about how God has always been so committed to moving toward us in helping us to feel God's love. And still we struggle to know that we belong, that we are enough.

Wonder: Listen to this song and sit in the lyrics, hearing them as a commitment that God holds to loving you. How does that feel to let yourself be surrounded and held by love in this way?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER | ANDREW ZHAO

BREATHE-OUT | COMMUNION | JEFF LINDSAY

SONG #3- GROW AS WE GO (BEN PLATT)| BAND

Lyrics: "When you're high, I'll take the lows | You can ebb and I can flow | And we'll take it slow | And grow as we go | Grow as we go"

Note: In choosing to do church together, we make a commitment to one another: To welcome each other as beloved; to wrestle together with the tensions; to risk the messy path; to immerse; and to do good. Fundamental to all of this is the commitment to love one another and to grow together. This song is an anthem to these commitments.

Wonder: What does it look like for us to truly love and support one another?

ANNOUNCEMENTS | SENDING | ANDREW ZHAO

A FEW NOTES & PRAYERS

Welcome, Beloved. We'd love to meet you, please visit our Connection Corner after the service to say hello so we can be in touch!

Becoming Meetinghouse: Following our December 5 vote, our church began a journey into the next chapter of our story as Meetinghouse Church. Follow the journey online at: colonialchurch.org/namechange.

Winter Engagement Fair: Sunday, January 9.
Join us after worship to see how we're doing life together and engaging God's work in the world this Winter!

Wednesday Night Programing: Returns on Wednesday, January 5 with Children/Youth/Family programming and Chorale rehearsal. Wednesday Night Dinners have been suspended until further notice due to COVID concerns. NOTE: The adult Ed study, **Disciple-Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**, will return on January 12.

PRAYERS OF HEALING for Polly Patrick, Alli Zomer, Cathy Gustafson, Bob Gubrud, Linda Stenseth, Willard Hunnewell, Dick Schmoker, Tom Smullen, Anne Bullington, Richard Coonrod, Dave Getsch, Marnie Radcliffe, Kathy Radtke.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for Molly Rouner at the death of her husband, Arthur Rouner, Senior Minister Emeritus at Colonial Church. Memorial service in celebration of Arthur's life and ministry will be held later in 2022.

Band: Leah Appleton, Sesay, Damon Kalar, Haley Larson
A/V: Kale Larson, Austin Bettcher, Patrick Smalley, Matthew Hayes
Others: Michele Steinke, DJ & Tom Lund, Jeff Pope, Andy Ernst, Kathy Withrow, Wendy Senior, and YOU!