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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.*

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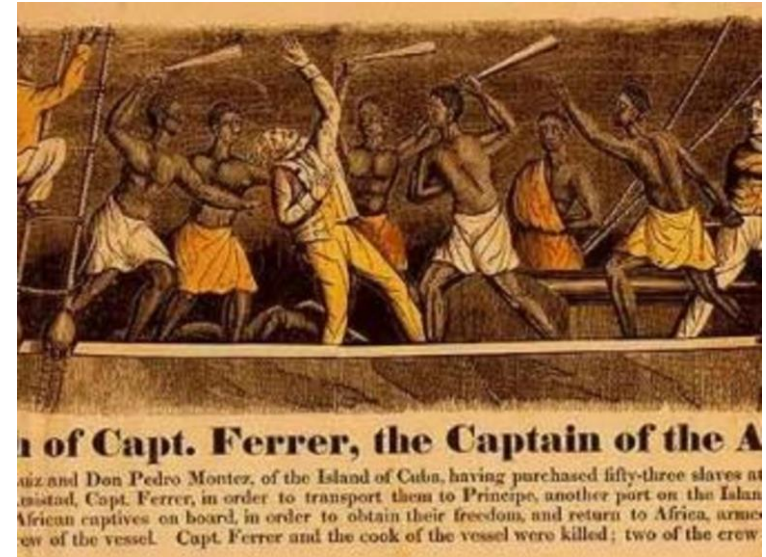
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**Our worship service** is broadcast over the local public access channel 1079 on Sundays at 4 PM. Our **Videographer** today is Lane McElree.

**Music notes:** This morning's prelude is also a call to prayer. It is extracted from *Karol's Carols*, a liturgical mass for organ composed by Stephan Conrady in 2017. The postlude "Lily of the Mohawks" uses the main theme of the prelude and is written originally for mezzo soprano and organ; this is the piano solo version. Both pieces are dedicated to Kateri Tekakwitha, a native American, who lived in Kahnawake, near Montreal, 50 miles north from here. She was declared venerable by Pius XII. in 1943, beatified by John Paul II. in 1980. She is the first Native American woman of North America to be canonized by the Catholic Church (by Benedict XVI. in 2012). She died on April 17, 1680.

**The Amistad incident:** Important moment in the history of the U.S. and the United Church of Christ. In 1839, 55 Africans who had been captured in the slave trade struck out for their freedom while being transported out of Havana, Cuba, on a schooner called La Amistad. The captives successfully took over the ship and ordered the crew to sail back to Africa, but weeks later the ship ended up far north, at the tip of Long Island, New York. U.S. officials boarded the ship, arrested the captives and jailed them in Connecticut. There they were befriended by Christian abolitionists, many belonging to churches that are now part of the United Church of Christ. The abolitionists hired lawyers, including former President John Quincy Adams, to appeal the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declared the captives free in 1841. This abolitionist victory helped create momentum for the formation in 1846 of the American Missionary Association. This interracial agency's work in education, discipleship and justice eventually became part of the national mission structure of the UCC which continues to this day.\*

***The First Congregational Church of St. Albans***  
*United Church of Christ*



***“We welcome you and serve all through faith.”***

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# Communion

## Invitation

ONE: God be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit**

ONE: Lift up your hearts

**ALL: We lift them up to God.**

ONE: Give thanks to God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: May the presence of Christ, Body and Spirit,  
keep and preserve you to everlasting life. Let us pray.

**All: Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in  
this simple meal.**

**May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever  
expanding,  
until the day when you gather all your saints from  
the four winds  
to share in your eternal banquet.**

## Words of blessing Remembrance

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion,  
and on the eve of his death, Jesus gathered his disciples for  
the Passover feast.

Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it  
and gave it to the disciples saying: "Take and eat. This is my  
body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying:  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of  
sins. Do this as often as you drink in remembrance of me.

Sharing of the bread and cup

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Words of thanksgiving: