

January 18, 2026

Jesus & Buddha Talk

Although they lived more than 400 years apart, we will imagine what they might have said if they had spoken together about suffering and its end. We know that both God and Dharma are sources of suffering, and of liberation from suffering. But, is there a difference between the suffering of Buddhists and Christians, or is there but one universal path to Deep Peace? Join the conversation this Sunday at CUUF.

Celebrant: Rhonnie Craven

Speaker: Reverend Thomas Perchlik

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Opening Music: "Bella Ciao" (cello & piano) Italian Traditional, arranged by Christian Morris

Welcome: Rhonnie Craven

Announcements: Rhonnie Craven

Land Acknowledgement: Rhonnie Craven

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: STLT #183, "The Winds of Change Forever Blown," lyrics written by Sarojini Naidu, harmony by J. S. Bach, arrangement by Johann Schein

Call to Worship: "Called from All Directions" by Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Chalice Lighting: words inspired by the Rev. Jami A. Yandle

Leader: We light this chalice
for the quiet truths we carry,
and for the futures we're brave enough to write.

All (Unison): *In this circle, we honor
The joy and power that grow when we gather.*

As the chalice glows

we a feel steadiness rise within us.

Leader: May we trust that our becoming,
As messy, radiant, and unfinished as it may be—
Is ours to claim.

Centering

Time For all Ages: "All Are Neighbors" by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman
Singing the Children to Class:

Now, go with each other to find meaning in the spirit of love that we share.

Wisdom Readings: Ancient and Modern

Sharing and Honoring: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Reflective Music: "The Water is Wide" (cello & piano)

Silent Meditation or Prayer: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration

Sermon: "Jesus and Buddha Talk" - Reverend Thomas Perchlik

Musical Response: STLT #184, "Be Ye a Lamp" - led by Cathie & Pat Whitfield

Returning to the World

Offering: for CUUF

Offertory Music: "Soon May the Wellerman Come," a New Zealand traditional song, arranged by Christian Morris, cello & piano

Closing Congregational Song: STLT #128, "For All That is Our Life" by Bruce Findlow; music by Patrick Rickey

Benediction: Reverend Thomas Perchlik

The Love that Overcomes Differences

Chalice Extinguishing:

*We extinguish this flame,
but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts and embody in our lives,
Until we are together again.*

Closing Song: "Carry the Flame"

Coffee Hour

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