



**UCC Juneteenth 2020 . . . And Still We Rise**

*Juneteenth marks the official end of slavery in the U.S. June 19, 1865, and the recognition of African-American history and heritage. Join the United Church of Christ for moments of remembrance, education, celebration, and calls to action*

Welcome to the UCC Juneteenth 2020 - Why We Gather  
[A Special Message](#) from Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

The Sacredness of Black Lives  
*Created in God's Image – First Peoples & the Cradle of Civilization*  
*Freedom to Enslavement – The Racial Contract*  
*Resistance is in our DNA*  
*Emancipation but [Without Sanctuary](#)*

Sacred Memory: People of African Descent  
*The Talking Drum*

Our Oral Traditions

Our Sacred Rituals

Connections to the Cradle of Civilization  
& the African Diaspora

African Descendants in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
*U.N. International Decade for People of African Descent*  
*Global Anti-Black Racism Movements*  
*National and Global Reparations Initiatives*  
*Ecumenical Partnerships for a Just World*

*Honor the Elders*  
How Are the Children?  
*Listen to voices and hearts of youth and young adults*

A Mother Speaks  
*My Children Matter*

Public Faith and Political Action  
Nevada State Senator Patricia Spearman

Calls to Action\* \*More calls to action forthcoming  
*Our Faith Our Vote*  
*The Poor People's Campaign*  
*The Role of the Christian Church*  
*Economic Sustainability & Community Reinvestment*  
*Reduction of COVID-19 Health Disparities*

*My Black Body Matters*

Remember Their Names  
*Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? God is with us, Jesus walks with us, Breath on us Holy Spirit!*

Closing Ritual