

Pastor Enno's Weekly Message

Dear Friends,

The Rev. Dr. Michael Malcolm was our keynote speaker. He is the chair of the Southeast Conference of the UCC for Climate Justice and Director of the Alabama Interfaith Power and Light. "Use your voice," he told us over and over again. He uplifted our conference and in our state in all that we have done and are doing for climate justice.

Rev. Dr. Malcolm lifted up the parable of the man whose neighbor pounds on his door asking for bread because he has an unexpected neighbor. Though the man denies him at the beginning, because of the neighbor's persistence, he finally gets up to help him out. We were reminded that things can't change without someone asking for change. We are to ASK when we have needs, when we see our neighbors in need, and when the world is in need.

And if ASKing isn't enough, then we need to SEEK. Seek out the solutions. Seek out allies. Seek out the problem so that it can be resolved.

And if SEEKing isn't enough, then we are to KNOCK. Knocking on the doors of power; knocking on the hearts and minds that are closed; and knocking to open the barriers that are part of society, government, culture, and religion. It is persistence and using our voices (not our fists) that has changed our world and our church for the better.

To save the future for all humanity, for millions of species, for clean water, air, and healthy food, we are to ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK.

Let us continue on the path for climate justice, which is justice for all humans, all habitats, eco-systems, and all life.

Peace

Pastor Enno