



## New Heaven, New Earth:

*Prayer for the United Church of Christ  
offered by COREM*

**W**e are People of Color, members of the United Church of Christ. We are African American, Pacific Islanders and Asian American, Native American and Latino People. Listen, dear brothers and sisters, we became the **Council for Racial Ethnic Ministries** of the United Church of Christ because we were small in number in the church and we felt our voices were not heard. Though small in number, we are great in enthusiasm and Spirit and devoted to our beloved United Church of Christ. We, each body of our group, have historic ties and relationship with our church from the justice work of the American Missionary Association. In the present day we pursue justice and peace for all of our brothers and sisters by seeking ways to stop the evil of racism in this country and the world. We value what our church, the United Church of Christ, stands for and we actively and collaboratively pursue its goals for justice and peace for all. We feel we enhance these values of our church for we believe what is written in the Bible in Revelation 21:

*LEADER:* God promises a New Jerusalem that will shine with the glory of God:

*ALL:* **We seek for our church that New Jerusalem we have been promised.**

*LEADER:* God also promises us a new heaven and a new earth:

*ALL:* **A place, we are told, where there will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain.**

*LEADER:* God will create this New Jerusalem to be a delight, and its people a joy.

*ALL:* **What a glorious promise! Here God will live with us; we will be God's people and God will be our God.**



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*ALL:* **We believe what Revelation 21 tells us: that we who overcome will inherit all this for God is making all things new.**  
*LEADER:* We want this New Jerusalem for all of God's people, for it would be an amazing world.  
*ALL:* **Come, let us prepare ourselves for the New Jerusalem, hand in hand with God. Amen.**

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