

Jazz and Justice

Welcoming Refugees & Immigrants

Gathering Songs

Come Sunday | To Be Free | I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Welcome, Prayer, Reading

Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson

The Migrant Experience

A Safe Place to Land | Stranger Standing at My Door | Deportee

Soul Food

Sarah Nahar, PhD Student in Religion & Environmental Studies

Passing the Hat

Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson



Closing Blessings

Infant Eyes | Everything Must Change | I Wish You Love

Announcements & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
232 E. ONONDAGA STREET
SYRACUSE, NY

FUEL FOR THE BODY AND SOUL

MAY 6, 2024
COMMUNITY MEAL AT 5:30 PM
MUSIC BEGINS AT 5:50 PM



Music Notes & Speaker Bio

"Deportee" by Woodie Guthrie

On Jan. 28, 1948, a plane crashed near Los Gatos Canyon 20 miles west of Coalinga, instantly killing all 32 people aboard. It was the worst aviation accident in California history at the time. While newspapers identified and ran portraits of the four white people who had been on the plane, 28 Mexican passengers were labeled only as "deportees" because the flight was a U.S. Immigration Services charter headed to Mexico. The pilot, first officer, stewardess, and an immigration official (who were white) received burials in their hometowns. The Mexican passengers – many of whom were part of the bracero program and working in the U.S. legally – were buried in a mass grave in Fresno, with a small plaque bearing none of their names. This erasure so angered legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie that he wrote "Deportee."

Sarah Nahar, PhD Student in the Syracuse University Department of Religion (Communities & Identities)

Sarah Nahar, M.Div (from Elkhart, Indiana, Potawatomi traditional land) is a PhD student. Her research focus is on the toilet, both the ritual and receptacle. She is matriculating concurrently at neighboring SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in the Department of Environmental Studies. Other interests include working on dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, community organizing, and capoeira.



Next Jazz & Justice:

June 3

5:30 PM Meal, 5:50 First Set
Celebrating PRIDE Month