

A Divided Nation Needs a United Church: What One Person Can Do*

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Workshop Resources:

One Voice: USAF Band:

["One Voice": A Holiday Presentation by The USAF Band - YouTube](#)

Reinhold Niebuhr by Howard G. Patton, Chapter 5: Love and Justice

[Chapter 5: Love and Justice – Religion Online \(religion-online.org\)](#)

Brene' Brown on Empathy:

[Brené Brown on Empathy - YouTube](#)

Civic Dinners Blog:

[Civic Dinners and the Gift of Listening](#)

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks:

<https://onbeing.org/programs/remembering-rabbi-lord-jonathan-sacks/>

Outward Mindset: Arbinger Resources www.arbinger.com

- *The Anatomy of Peace*
- Stories of The Anatomy of Peace: [Preview: Stories of The Anatomy of Peace - YouTube](#)
- *Leadership and Self-Deception*
- *The Outward Mindset*

The World Café Model: www.theworldcafe.com

Developing and Implementing an Outward Mindset

Host a workshop:

[Host a "Developing and Implementing an Outward Mindset" Workshop \(wnccumc.org\)](#)

Participate in a workshop (information coming soon): [Sponsored Offerings \(wnccumc.org\)](#)

Racial Healing and the Gospel of Reconciliation Workshop

[Racial Healing and the Gospel of Reconciliation: A Workshop on the Ministry of Reconciliation \(wnccumc.org\)](#)

Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder

[Guerrillas Of Grace: Prayers For The Battle: Ted Loder: 9780806690544: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Prayer:

Gentle me,

Holy one,

into an unclenched moment,

 a deep breath,

 a letting go

 of heavy expectancies

 of shriveling anxieties,

 of dead certainties,

that, softened by the silence,
 surrounded by the light,
 and open to the mystery,
I may be found by wholeness,
 upheld by the unfathomable,
 entranced by the simple,
 and filled with the joy
 that is you.

WNC Leadership Development Resources: www.LEADwncc.org

Other Resources:

- Brene Brown podcast: <https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-priya-parker-on-the-art-of-gathering/>
- New York Times article: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/19/opinion/nine-nonobvious-ways-to-have-deeper-conversations.html>
- Fuller Studio: <https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/theology/the-church-at-table-being-sisters-and-brothers-even-when-we-disagree/>
- Carey Nieuwhof*: <https://careynieuwhof.com/after-the-us-election-3-things-the-culture-needs-right-now-that-the-church-can-give/>
- *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry
- [Short Course on Having Difficult Conversations](#)
- *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

“A Prayer for Reconciliation” by Padraig O Tuama

Where there is separation
there is pain.
And where there is pain
there is story.
And where there is story
there is understanding
and misunderstanding
listening
and not listening.
May we — separated peoples, estranged strangers,
unfriended families, divided communities —
turn toward each other,
and turn toward our stories,
with understanding
and listening,
with argument and acceptance,
with challenge, change
and consolation.
Because if God is to be found,
God will be found
in the space
between.

Amen.



**The Space
Between**