The Rocks Are Crying Out: Show Up, Speak Up, Stand Up.

In Luke 19:39 to 40 we read that some of the Pharisees in a crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher rebuke your disciples.” “I tell you,” he replied, “If they keep quiet the stones will cry out.” Though we know that God’s spirit will cause the stones to cry out if we remain silent, when it comes to being an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church, silence is not an option.

So may our voices echo across the stones and across this land as we work toward the restoration of God’s beloved community. Rev. Brian Gerard, Sr. Pastor FCC Louisville, KY

To show up is more than a selfie at a protest, or a social media post... showing up means to cry with me, and to let the pain of my people’s tears move you to fight WITH those of us who are pushed to the sides because of the color of our skin, the thickness of our accents, or the documents we hold. Yesenia Caldwell, lay leader Iglesia Hermandad, Indianapolis, IN

I tell you, if you were to keep silent the stones would cry out. Silence is the absence of sound. To speak is to convey a feeling or opinion. This is not the time to be the absence of sound but to convey the injustice of those feeling the weight of racism and oppression. This the time to speak up and convey the truth of God’s love and equality for us all. Matthew Tippell, Musician Allisonville Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN

I choose to stand up for people of color because racism seems unbeatable. But if God can make the rocks cry out, then just imagine what He can do with people whom God has intentionally created with the capacity to love one another. Chris Kozak, Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN.

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