



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 7/10/2022
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ: Scherzo from Sonatina in G A. Dvorak

Welcome (Rev. Amelia)

Words for Centering:

A blessing for telling the truth

(no matter how bitter or sweet)

~ by Kate Bowler

Blessed are you, resisting the urge to reframe.
You who are sick and tired of silver linings.

Blessed are you, speaking honestly
about what is right in front of you:

This is hard.

Things might not get better.

This really has gone horribly.

There may not be a different way.

You who risk honesty,
especially when the world around us craves a brightside.

Blessed are we in our gratitude and our pain,
our pleasures and our limitations.

Blessed are ... the truth-tellers.

Whose candor finds a chorus that echos back: "Same."

May we feel ourselves answered
by this language of love,
changed where we can,
and confirmed where we can't.

But loved loved loved all the same.
Amen.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Invocation (prayers by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, UCC)

Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.

Listening To the Sacred Text: Luke 10:25-37

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.

Reflecting: "Detours"

***Hymn of Reflection:** Red Hymnal #301 "Let Us Build a House"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world. We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and our eyes to sights too painful to see. Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and rebuild us with the pillars of holy love, compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your mercy, make us new. Amen.

Words of Grace (Rev. Amelia)

The Righteous One remains near to you and delights in prospering the fruit of your bodies, your soul, and your acts. The way of God is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Andante con moto from Concerto 4 in D F. Seitz

***Doxology** (*Tune: All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer** (New Zealand/Maori Anglican Liturgy, adapted)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father~Mother~Parent of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

***Sending Song:** Red Hymnal #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

Postlude: Finale from Sonatina in G A. Dvorak

****Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.***

Leading In Today's Service:

John Goff, Deacon of the Week

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Kyle Riley, Zoom Moderator

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin