



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for 7/24/2022  
Seventh 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:** Adagio      A. Corelli

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship:**

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

*One: We gather to rejoice in the Holy One.*

***Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!***

*One: We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.*

***Many: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!***

*One: We come open to the possibilities made new by the Creator.*

***Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!***

**\*Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #278 “Creator God, Creating Still”

### **\*Invocation:**

Compassionate One, your love sustains us, molds us, and empowers us. May we dwell in that love as you dwell in us—faithfully, joyfully, and abundantly.

Renew us as your people grounded in you and flourishing with you. Amen.

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** Hosea 1:2-10; Colossians 2:6-19

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

**Reflecting:** “In the Roots” (Shelby Nowland, Senior Pastor/Director of Labyrinth PSM)

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal #311 “Renew Your Church”

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)**

*Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice.  
Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Amen.*

**Offering invitation**

Offertory Music: Grandmother’s Minuet E. Grieg

**\*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.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

God our Companion, receive these gifts as seeds to be nurtured and grown into new abundance, more possibilities, and magnifying gifts for your kingdom on earth.

**\*Sending Song:** Red Hymnal #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Allegro Giocoso J. B. Loeillet

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

**Leading In Today’s Service:**

Jaime Hadley, Usher

Shelby Nowland, Guest preacher

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Alden Harris, Livestream Technician

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello