



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 7/31/2022
Eighth 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: Air J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

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

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

One: We cried out to our God in times of trouble and eased our distress.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

***Hymn of Celebration:** Red #664 "Morning Has Broken"

***Invocation:**

Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.

Listening To the Sacred Text: Luke 12:13-21

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “Am I Rich? Are You?” (Rev. Dr. Ann Locasio)

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black #36 “To God Compose a Song of Joy”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation. Amen.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Adagio cantabile from Trio in Eb L. van Beethoven

***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:**

Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.

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

***Benediction**

Postlude: Passepied L. Delibes

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

Leading In Today’s Service:

Jen Howicz, Usher

Rev. Dr. Ann Locasio, Guest preacher

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Joy Penticuff, Reader

Alden Harris, Livestream Technician

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Liz Lee, Cello