



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 8/7/2022
Ninth 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: Gitanerias E. Lecuona

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay,
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One: Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

Many: Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

Many: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

Many: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

***Invocation:**

Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.

Listening To the Sacred Text: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “Field of Dreams” (Britt Hicks, Seminarian at APTS/ UCC Member In

Discernment)

***Hymn of Reflection:** Red #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care.

Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Sicilienne M-T v. Paradis

***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:**

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

***Sending Song:** Red #541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***Benediction**

Postlude: Allegro aperto from Concerto #5 W. A. Mozart

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

Leading In Today’s Service:

Jaime Hadley, Usher

Britt Hicks, Seminarian at APTS/ UCC Member In Discernment, Guest preacher

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Joy Penticuff, Reader
Jen Howicz, Livestream Technician
Jonathan Geer, Piano
Amy Harris, Violin