



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 8/28/2022
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

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: Andantino from Quintett Op. 16 L. van Beethoven

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day which the Lord hath made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Invocation (Leader):**

O Divine Summoner, who calls us from the turmoil of the world to wait upon thee, and into the turmoil of the world to wait upon each other, abide with us in our moments of awe, and intrude upon us in our times of inattention, that we may nurture our habits of staying. We are often distracted by the demands of each hour, busy about our affairs. In those times, speak into our hearts a word of reminder, that we might linger in the precincts of the sacred and find holiness in the presence of each other.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black #42 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Confession (in unison)

O Thou whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and seeks your love, we come to you as the day opens and the light strengthens. We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone.

Words of Response

Listening To the Sacred Text: Nehemiah 2:1-5

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “The Trouble with Binaries” Phil Hodson, South Central Conference Minister

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black #19 *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

O Belovéd of the Beloved, pure being and clear light, you have no eyes yet you see every microbe churning the soil. You have no ears, yet you hear every child laugh and widow weep. You have no hands, yet every nesting bird rests in your palms. You have no feet, yet your footprints are everywhere on rock, sand, and street. You have no breath, yet your winds drive boats across the sea, and the dry leaves shuffle.

You are nowhere and everywhere. But we have eyes and ears, hands and feet.

Guide us in their use that the soil remains rich, the bird sings, the child laughs and the earth breathes with contentment. Life is your gift; destruction our sin.

Lead us to life.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Romance from Second Violin Concerto

H. Wieniawski

***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**

***Sending Song:** Black #283 *Spirit of the Living God* (4x)

Spirit of the Living God

Mercy of the Living God

Kindness of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God

***Benediction**

Postlude: Finale from Trio in Bb

J. Haydn

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

Leading In Today's Service:

Phil Hodson, Preaching

Ann Locasio, Reader

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Whit Bodman, Worship Leader

CJ Wood, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello