



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 9/11/2022
Fourteenth 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:

“Grief, I’ve learned, is really just love. It’s all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.” — **Jamie Anderson**

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ: Gigue from Sonata in E F. M. Veracini

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not the end.

Many: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and hope.

One: May the wind of God turn us around toward trust in Holy promises.

Many: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our hearts and minds.

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for Love’s good work.

Many: May God’s vision of a world made new arise from God’s wind in and through us.

Invocation (Leader):

O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day, call forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy for every brokenness of the world’s design. By this, form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black #267 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Listening To the Sacred Text: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Luke 15:1-10

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “To Grieve and To Dream”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black #407 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (in unison)

*Holy and Loving God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean...Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
~ from Psalm 51:6-10*

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Minuet from Sonata in E

F. M. Veracini

***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: Allegro

A. Corelli

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

Leading In Today's Service:

Anya Toskey, Liturgist

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Betty Bodman, Usher

Hannah Mindeman Shuman, Piano