



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 9/18/2022
Fifteenth 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:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YDaQDwZqIMYcUUEgHB4aCz0STJi21Nfl/view?usp=sharing>

“Grief, I’ve learned, is really just love. It’s all the love you want to give, but cannot...
Grief is just love with no place to go.” — **Jamie Anderson**

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ: Tambourin A. E. Grétry

Welcome

Call to Worship: (from Psalms 113 and 92)

Leader: Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised.

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

***People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.***

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black #17 “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

Invocation (*Leader*):

O God of the morning and of the evening hours,

Let your Spirit come on us here gathered.

This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith

joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

Listening To the Sacred Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10 and 2:4-13

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “Grieving Broken Covenants”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black #202 “O God, How We Have Wandered”

Prayer of Confession (in unison, adapted from Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*)

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, our communities, and our nation, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes, sanctuaries, and civic institutions become a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we often are anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes, our congregations, and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

Words of Pardon & Assurance (Leader)

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Adagio from Sonata in G minor

H. Eccles

***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: Vivace from Sonata in G minor

H. Eccles

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

Leading In Today's Service:

CJ Wood, Deacon on Duty

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Stephen Russell, Usher

Hannah Mindeman Shuman, Piano