



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 9/4/2022
Thirteenth 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: Sonata for Piano Trio

J.B. Loeillet

Welcome

Call to Worship:

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

Congregation: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

***Invocation:** *(in unison)*

O God of all our understandings, Love Divine and Mercy unbound, come and make your dwelling among us that we may feel your sustaining hand, apprehend your empowering will, and share in your hope for the world, and for the church within it. In our moments of inattention, our hours of distraction, whisper a reminder in our hearts that you are with us, your guidance is before us, and your love surrounds us.

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal 43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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 3:15 and John 9:1-7

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “ Making Way for a Miracle” Rev. Phil Hodson

***Hymn of Reflection:** Black Hymnal 349 “*I Come with Joy*”

Call to the Table of Communion

Institution of Cup and Loaf

Sharing

Prayer of Dedication

For this day's gift that nourishes body and mind, heart and soul, we give you thanks and praise. You who give us the first breath and receive the last, and treasure every sigh and song between, to you we give our love and our life. From you, likewise, we receive the same. As you have been to us our sustainer in this hour and always, be to us the horizon of the promised kingdom and the heart that seeks the kingdom. Thanks and praise, thanks and praise to you, our Hope and our Redeemer.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: Air

J. Mattheson

***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 Hymnal 393 “*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*”

***Benediction**

Postlude: Gavotte.

J. Becker

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

Leading In Today's Service:

Rev. Phil Hodson, South Central Conference Minister

Whit Bodman, Worship leader

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Amy Harris, Violin

Carolyn Thompson, Reader

Hannah Mindeman Shuman, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello