



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 11/13/2022, Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Zoom link for Joys & Concerns: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2057847210>

Link to PDF of Hymns for larger print:

*Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)*

Prelude & Receiving the Light of Christ:

Cavatina

C. Bohm

Welcome

Call to Worship: Living Psalm 98 (A Stewardship Psalm) by Karen Georgia Thompson

**People: We give generously to all
from all God has given to us.**

***Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #70 "God is Here! As Your People Meet"

***Invocation** (Unison)

Unwavering One, we are thankful for the clarity found in you. You welcome us into your presence, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We delight in knowing that even when we come stumbling over ourselves, your love is sure to pick us up and steady us.

Because you are Love, you keep your promises to us.

Help us walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises, too. Amen.

Pledging to the Promise CCA Trustees

Listening To the Sacred Text: Luke 13:18-21 (NRSV)

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

Reflecting: “The Seed & The Leaven”

***Hymn of Reflection:** Red Hymnal #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life** (Unison)

Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness. Amen.

Offering invitation

Offertory Music: “As the Wind Song” Red Hymnal #292

Offering our gifts and our prayers

***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 #448 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (v. 1-2)

***Benediction**

Postlude: Allegro con brio from Piano Trio Op. 1; No. 3 L. van Beethoven

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

Leading In Today’s Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music

John Goff, Livestream Technician

Amy Harris, Violin

Stephen Russell, Usher

Hannah Shuman, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ.