



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for 2/12/2023

***Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany & Racial Justice Sunday***

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

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

**“Our movements have to be intergenerational. We have to fight...  
with the energy and ideas of the young people and the wisdom and experience of our elders.  
The only way that we can heal this is by working on it together.” – Jamie Margolin**

**Prelude:** Hymnprov on “Savior God Above”

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship & Centering Practice**

**\*Hymn of Celebration:** Black Hymnal #478 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

**\*Invocation** (Unison)

*Righteous God, in you we find life and liberty,  
compassion and care, redemption and reconciliation.*

*You make your ways known to us,  
and you recognize your people as we are—fully human and made in your image.*

*Let us meet in this time and place.*

*Let us bring to you our hope and our fears, our joys and our sorrows,  
our successes and our disappointments—the fullness of this glorious and maddening life—  
assured that you meet us here. Amen.*

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

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

**Reflecting:** “Rebirth” Britt Hicks preaching

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** “Blest Be The Holy Other” (See handout.)

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

*Holy God, your fire warms our hearts when they grow cold to the pain of the world,  
shines brightly to illuminate the shadows where we hide from you,  
and provides fuel to energize us when we grow weary of the work.  
Revive us again, O God, revive us. Amen.*

Words of Grace: God with Us knows the feeling of fatigue, the despair of doing hard things, and the frustration of a world that has turned from the Holy One. God is faithful to refresh us, renew us, and revive us. Amen.

**Invitation to Generosity**

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 reminds us that, "The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." What a privilege to be God's vessel and participant in kingdom nurture and care. Let us give generously knowing we have been given gifts to be used for the building.

**Offering our gifts and our prayers**

Offertory Music: Wade in the Water Burleigh

**\*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**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song:** "Rise" (See handout.) Justice Choir Songbook

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Deep River Traditional African-American Songtune

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

(Today's liturgy was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay,  
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**Leading In Today's Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music  
Jaime Hadley, Usher  
Jonathan Geer, Piano  
Liz Lee, Cello

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries  
Joy Penticuff, Liturgist  
Amy Harris, Violin