



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 6/11/2023

**Second Sunday After Pentecost ~ PRIDE Month**

Rev. Amelia K. Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

**Prelude.**

Adagio non troppo from Piano Quartet No. 2

G. Faure

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *(Today's liturgy was written by Rev. Mak Kneebone, member of the UCC ONA Coalition)*

LEADER: This month we celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride as we work toward greater inclusion in every church, workplace, and family.

**ALL: We gather today to be refreshed, renewed, and strengthened in our faith and in our resolve for the work we must do together.**

LEADER: Listen, there is a voice calling us.

**ALL: It is the voice of our Divine Beloved.**

LEADER: The one who loves us invites us to mingle our voices together.

**ALL: We call out in worship and praise together.**

LEADER: Bring your hopes, expectations, and longings that you have carried with you throughout the week.

**ALL: Here they are. We speak them in our spirit and with our words.**

LEADER: Come and worship. Come and praise. Come and pray.

**ALL: We commit ourselves to this sacred time of celebration.**

**\*Hymn of Celebration:**

"Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives"

Handout

**Invocation**

Loving God, reveal Yourself now. Rise up in this assembly.

Show us a manifestation of who You are.

I call forth a knitting together by Your Spirit of all created beings within the sound of my voice.

Reveal Yourself now. Awaken within each one of us.

Reach out from within each one of us, so that your intangible essence will be felt and known.

Reveal Yourself now. You have promised to make yourself known.

I call forth the revelation of Your presence, of You as Presence within, between, and around us.

We step into Your Sacred Circle. We invite You into our Sacred Circle.

As we reveal ourselves to You, we also reach out to You and call upon You.

Reveal Yourself now. Amen.

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** Matthew 5:1-11; 21-24

**Anthem** "Blessed, How Blessed" Cherwien  
CCA Choir

**Reflecting in Community** "First, Don't Apologize"

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" Glory to God #436

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

We are all one human family.  
In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us.  
You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time.  
Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together.  
We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good.  
In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.

**Invitation to Generosity**

Offertory Music: Allegro molto moderato from Piano Quartet No. 2 G. Faure

**\*Doxology** (Tune: *Old Hundredth, New Century Hymnal #780*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that love has done.*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song:** "Amen, syakudimisa" New Century Hymnal #760

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Allegro molto from Piano Quartet No. 2 G. Faure

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

**Leading In Today's Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music	Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries
Bill Beardall, Usher	Sarah Darter, Liturgist
Jonathan Geer, Piano	James Anderson, Guest Violin
Amy Harris, viola	Liz Lee, Cello