



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for 6/18/2023  
***Third Sunday After Pentecost ~ PRIDE Month ~ Tapestry Installation***  
Rev. Amelia K. Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

*(Today's liturgy was written by Pastor Kevin Tindell, Vice-President of the UCC ONA Coalition)*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship (Unison)

The Lord is in this Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice. We are called as a family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where we are on life's journey or who we are in the Kingdom of God. Let us raise our hands and open our hearts to the movement of God in worship on this day!

### \*Hymn of Celebration:

"Sing a New World Into Being"

Handout

### Invocation

Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your Kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing, and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of your son Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this present world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know you and glorify your grace on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world.

One: Let all the Kingdom of God shout "Victory"

**Many: Over Oppression!**

One: Shout "Victory"

**Many: Over Injustice!**

One: Shout "Victory"

**Many: Through Jesus the Christ!**

**All: Amen and Amen.**

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** Colossians 2:1-7, *The Message* translation

**Anthem** “There is More Love Somewhere” Traditional Spiritual, arr. Podd  
CCA Choir

**Reflecting** “Symbols of Faith” Frances Alford, Artist/Quilter

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” Glory to God #339

### **Tapestry Dedication**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

The Holy Spirit comes down to us as a gift of presence, compassion, and companionship. We honor and uphold the Kingdom here on earth through our stewardship, for we are called to present our lives as a living testimony to the God who has created each one of us to be unique and to minister to a world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent, and treasure.

Let us now uphold the glory of God by the giving of our gifts in the spirit of generosity.

### **Offertory Music**

**\*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:** Chevalier

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

### **Leading In Today’s Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music

John Goff, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Carolyn Thompson, Liturgist

Amy Harris, Violin