



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 7/23/2023
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost ~ Window Dedication Service
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Prelude

Reverie

C. Castle

Welcome & Opening Sentences

Leader: We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

People: From office and kitchen and classroom, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft spoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.

Leader: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!

***Hymn of Celebration:**

"For All the Saints"

New Century Hymnal #299

***Invocation** (Unison)

*Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:*

waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;

waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;

waiting to be filled with new energy for service.

Be with us. Touch us.

*Empower us as your people that we might worship you here
and act in the word for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

Listening To the Sacred Text:

Hebrews 12:1-3

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

Window History

Mel Oakes

***Hymn of Reflection:**

"There Are Angels Hov'ring Round"

Handout

Reflection

Dave Ross

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Barbara Burnham

Special Music

“Dear Brothers and Sisters”
Lyrics by Fran Briggs

Handout

Invitation to Generosity

“How might we be abundant? And in what ways are we still in need?” ~ Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry

Offertory Music:

Nodie’s Piece

J. Geer

***Doxology** (Tune: *All Creatures of Our God & King, Glory to God #15*)

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:**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
(two verses)

Glory to God #306

***Benediction**

Postlude:

Scherzo from Piano Trio

C. Debussy

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

Leading In Today’s Service:

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Lucy Erda, Livestream Technician

Sarah Darter, Usher & Liturgist

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Amy Harris, Violin

Robin Rosson, Cello