



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ
Order of Worship for 7/9/2023
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Prelude

Impromptu in C Major

J. Geer

Welcome & Opening Sentences

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

***Hymn of Celebration:**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Glory to God #39

***Invocation** (Unison)

O Beloved of the Beloved, pure being and clear light, you have no eyes, yet you see every microbe churning the soil. You have no ears, yet you hear every child laugh and infant cry. You have no hands, yet every nesting bird rests in the palm of your hand. You have no feet, yet your footprints are everywhere on rock and sand. You have no breath, yet the winds drive boats across the sea and the dry leaves shuffle. You are nowhere and everywhere. But we have eyes and ears, hands and feet. Guide us in their use that the soil remains rich, the bird sings, the child laughs and the earth breathes with contentment. Grant us insight to see deeply, love widely, and sing with exuberance. Life is your gift; destruction our sin. Lead us to life. Amen.

Worship Gift

Barbara Burnham

Listening To the Sacred Text:

1 Samuel 23:15-18 and 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

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

Reflecting in Community

"The Covenant"

Rev. Dr. Whit Bodman

***Hymn of Reflection:**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Glory to God #280

Invitation to Generosity

*“Our God plays the flute for us. Do we not hear it? Shall we not respond with a dance?
Shall we not come to each other with thanksgiving, and in turn share the gifts that we have?
How might we be abundant? And in what ways are we still in need?
Let us bring it all as an offering, through our faith and humanity. Amen.” ~ Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry*

Offertory Music: Andante con moto from Piano Trio in Eb F. Schubert

***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:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Glory to God #306

***Benediction**

Postlude: Minuet 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	Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries
Sarah Darter, Usher	Lynn Chavarria, Liturgist
Jonathan Geer, Piano	Amy Harris, Violin
Liz Lee, Cello	