



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of AUSTIN

An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ

Order of Worship for 7/30/2023

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

Prelude

Gavotte

A. E. M. Grétry

Welcome & Opening Sentences

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35 and 37-39

***Hymn of Celebration:**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

New Century Hymnal #4

***Invocation** (Unison)

*O Spirit, who helps us in our struggles, and teaches us how to pray when we don't know what to say
or how to feel, we call on you from a sigh too deep for words. Within that sigh, we wonder,
we question, and we hope that all things do, indeed, work together for your good.*

*In this experience of being here together, in this time set apart to be side by side in community,
we are reminded how connected we already are. Let us open ourselves to your presence here.*

*Let us seek first the kin-dom of God, and in our searching, may we be found by you, Beloved,
the One who searches for us first. Amen.*

Worship Gift

Lucy Erda

Listening To the Sacred Text:

John 9:1-38

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

Reflection

“The Vibrant Goodness Between Us”

***Hymn of Reflection:**

“Amazing Grace”
fresh lyrics by Jacob Nault

Handout

Invitation to Generosity

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

Offertory Music:

Antique Lace

E. Rocherolle

***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:

Minuet in C

J. Haydn

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

Leading In Today’s Service:

John Goff, Usher

Amy Harris, Violin

Robin Rosson, Cello

Jen Howicz, Liturgist

Hannah Mindeman Shuman, Piano

Lucy Erda, Livestream Technician