

Sunday July 31, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

Leader: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and God eased our distress.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

Leader: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

People: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

*Hymn #13: "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

*Invocation

Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace Response Hymn #261 (verse 1): "Let Every Christian Pray"

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love
commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Reading from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 12:13-21

Jim Miers

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew: Matthew 6:1-4

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Special Music

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: "Open the Barn Door"

*Hymn #562: "Take My Gifts"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus said, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15) The promise of life abundantly invites us to trust God's provision and abundance of resources for all. We share our gifts from the abundance given to us.

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

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**

Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.

***Hymn #543:** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*Postlude

Cords of Love: Service Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.