

September 25, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to this place and time of promise.

People: **We are becoming the house of hope, the field of sunflowers, the vineyard of great caring.**

Leader: Come to a shared commitment to abundance possible for all people.

People: **We are an earthenware jar, to keep safe the tomorrow of children. Our security question is – the word of God, and our password is love.**

*Hymn #408: “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

*Invocation

God, we give you thanks that you make us redeemers, not just receivers of redemption. You bring us among friends and then ask for each one of our signatures to change your world. We hold the earthenware jar you call the church and fill it with all your promises. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace “Peace Like a River”, verse 1, using ending 2 page 478

**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.**

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6; 14-16

Louise Piper

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: “Mud or Stars”

*Hymn #46: “Hope of the World”

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 by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(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**

God, we have received hope; we give you time. We have received hope; we give one another the church. We have received hope; we offer these gifts that they may become the change or simply the promise of change among those who need this clear image that they are not abandoned. Amen

***Hymn #460: "Be Not Dismayed"**

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

In an Earthenware Jar: Service Prayers for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Maren C. Tirabassi, a UCC pastor, author of fiction and non-fiction, and also "a hiker in autumn leaves and a lover of fireside moments in the company of dogs, reading poetry and novels and finding myself praying".