



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

7 August 2022 – 10:30 AM
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE *Don't Let the Old Man In* - Toby Keith • *Blackbird* - Lennon/McCartney
Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Hebrews 11*

One: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

All: The conviction of things not seen.

One: By faith we join the journey into a land of promise.

All: As we live into the vision, we become strangers and foreigners on this earth.

One: You may long for what you left behind and turn back,

All: But we are called to a better country and the city that God has prepared.

*HYMN

Made in the Image

JUDAS AND MARY

The table is spread for the children of God

With sustenance, grace from the earth;

And none will be turned away, all will be fed!

And we're made in the image of God, are we! We are made in the image of God!

The captives cry out now for freedom and peace,

For kindness and bread and for love.

The church is God's answer, the body of Christ.

And we're made in the image of God, are we! We are made in the image of God!

Speak truth then to power, make peace in the land,

Break bread with the broken and poor.

The Spirit's our partner, we go hand in hand.

For we're made in the image of God, are we! We are made in the image of God!

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-36

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

ANTHEM

Give Free Your Love

Dayan Kai

SERMON

The Conviction of Things Not Seen

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

Masithi

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**

Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,

Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

Hold it Up to the Light

David Wilcox

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary for the Communion prayers.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Distribution Music

Rivera/Alm

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN

African-American Spiritual

You got to *do when the spirit says do!

You got to do when the spirit says do!

When the spirit says do, you got to do, O Lord!

You got to do when the spirit says do!

Spirit says do...

You got to sing when the spirit says sing... (as above)

Spirit says sing...

You got to dance when the spirit says dance... (as above)

Spirit says dance...

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Forever Young

Bob Dylan