



Worship Service for September 15, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Aimee Broadhurst
Welcome	Aimee Broadhurst
Centering Moment	Pastor Lynette Ross
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

“All Belong Here”

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.

Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: “See what great love God has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

ALL: “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

LEADER: “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but members of the household.”

ALL: “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”

LEADER: “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.”

ALL: “Day by day, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.”

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Spirit, Fill Me - Sing! #4

Spirit come and fill me,
Fill me with your peace,
Fill me with your joy and your love.
Spirit come and show me,
Show me how to care,
Show me how to share your light.

Help me give my hand to those in need.
Let my heart be open to receive.
When we share your love,
We can work together
To heal this broken world.

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Gathering Prayer

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: Holy One, we thank you for the gift of our spiritual family. We are grateful for the love and support we have from one another. We lift up family members who are going through difficult

times, whether it be illness, emotional pain, or other challenges. We ask for your healing touch and comfort to be upon them. We acknowledge that sometimes we hurt one another. Grant us the strength to forgive and seek forgiveness when we falter. May the legacy of love and unity be carried forward, and may we be a source of your light in the world. We pray in your holy name.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Acts 2:42 - 47

(taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' instructions and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles. Those who believed lived together, shared all

things in common; they would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need. They met in the Temple and they broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common, praising God and winning the approval of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Lynette Ross

An Excerpt from the UCC Manual on Local Church

A covenant is not a law or regulation. It is a holy relationship: the courageous and vulnerable extension of oneself toward another for mutual benefit, support, and accountability. The earliest biblical covenants were initiated by God and made visible through specific occurrences and actions, such as the sign of the rainbow in Genesis 9:13. In the United Church of Christ, we believe the action of God's love initiates and empowers the promises we make to one another. Our covenants are living consensual promises that are renewed and practiced with faithfulness and love.

The Local Churches of the United Church of Christ live in an interrelated set of covenants. Each Local Church is in covenant with God, the One who calls us together to faith and community and inspires our shared spiritual journey through worship, learning, service, and justice-making. Each Local Church makes covenants among its own members, as they seek to build a healthy and thriving community that demonstrates respect and love for each person. Each Local Church is in covenant with other expressions of the United Church of Christ, recognizing that effective ministry does not happen in isolation.

Reflection

Pastor Lynette Ross

“Walking with Each Other”

Special Music

Choir

“In This Very Room

In this very room there’s quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there’s quite enough joy for one like
me,

and there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to
chase away any gloom,

for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us.

And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.

And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,

For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Lynette Ross

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Double Down For Plymouth

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Congregation

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.

Offertory Prayer

Aimee Broadhurst

O God, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote love and peace among all people.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #33 "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place,
There's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there,
Just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

There's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room,

There's the presence of peace in this room.

In God's tenderness is found

Peace that passes human bounds.

There's the presence of peace in this room.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

There's a spirit of love in this place.

Benediction

Pastor Lynette Ross

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #76 "There Is Room for All"

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all,
There is room for all.
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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