



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

11 August 2024 – 10:30 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Birthday Sunday

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

PRELUDE "Air" from *Partita VI* J. S. Bach
Elizabeth Bunch, pianist

WELCOME The Rev. Matt Broadbent

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Urban, liturgist

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*SONG [song sheet] *The House of Our God* Jim Manley

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*GREETING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2*

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

CHOIR OFFERING *Shut De Do'* Randy Stonehill/arr. Mark Hayes
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director
Art Schuller and Sandy Schuller, soloists

MEDITATION *Rules of the Road* Matt Broadbent

SONG Ken Medema

**Lord, Listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

www.PeaceUnited.org/giving
Your Face Is So Familiar



Jim Manley

**Life-giver, you know our name well, and welcome us into this beloved community.
Bless these gifts so that they may be used to offer feast amidst famine, joy amidst
pain, courage amidst fear. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*SONG [song sheet]

Spirit

Jim Manley

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Epilogo

Enrique Granados, arr. D. Riva