

Church of the Savior, UCC
5th Sunday after Pentecost
JuLy 14, 2019

*"Do unto those downstream
as you would have those upstream do unto you."
Wendell Berry*

The Church Community Gathers

**An asterisk indicates: "Please stand in body or spirit."*

Prelude
Gathering Song *Santo, Santo, Santo (v. 1-2, 2X)* NCH #793
Greeting Response: **And also with you!**
Bell-Ringing
Call to Worship*

L: We are people on a journey,

ALL: **Sustained by God's presence along the way,
Renewed by fresh winds of the Spirit,
Empowered by sharing the path with others,
And transformed by walking in the way of Christ.**

L: Awaken us, O God!

ALL: **Here and now, awaken us again to the reality of
your new life and boundless love in our midst.**

Opening Hymn* *We Are Not Our Own* NCH #564

Opening Prayer of Confession and Renewal
O God of Compassion, we know that you call us...
**Forgive us when we ignore your guidance, neglect the
needs of others, and fail to feed the spirit within us.**
(silent prayer & meditation)
Help us, we pray, to make a fresh start in our lives today.
**Lead us forward into new life where your "Yes" to us
becomes our "Yes" to others and to the world. Amen.**

The Church Community Reflects

Children's Time

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 82 (responsively) NCH p. 674

(Leader – odd verses; People – even verses)

Special Music with *Sam Rosolina*

Gospel Reading Luke 12:22-31

Sermon "Listening to Flowers" by *Ched Myers*

The Church Community Responds

Prayers of the People

Sing: *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, vs. 1-2* NCH #520

Response: Spirit of Life... **Hear our prayers.**

Sing: *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ, vs. 3* NCH #520

Sharing the Journey

Community Joys & Announcements - *Nate Williams, Moderator*

The Bringing of Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

2nd Mile Gift: *Planned Parenthood of Middle & East TN*

Offertory Music

Sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Living Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Prayer

**In the midst of our busy lives, O Creator, help us to find
Life! Surrounded by a variety of voices & messages, help
us to hear your call! In a world held down by fear and
violence, help us to rise to a different kind of life marked
by kindness, courage, compassion, and peace. Amen.**

Closing Hymn* *Come to Tend God's Garden* NCH #586

Benediction*

Postlude*

***Welcome to all who worship with us today!
Go in peace to love and serve!***