

Church of the Savior, UCC
12th Sunday after Pentecost
11 AM Worship – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

"The more you know about another person's story, the less possible it is to see that person as your enemy." Parker Palmer

The Church Community Gathers

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

Prelude

Gathering Song *Live in the Spirit of Love* (insert)

Greeting Response: **And also with you!**

Bell-Ringing & Call to Worship*

L: There will be a morning song for those whose efforts shield the frail bodies of their elders!

P: **Blessed are the merciful.**

L: There will be a morning song for those who tend to the wounded!

P: **Blessed are the peacemakers.**

L: There will be a morning song for those who wipe the sleep from the eyes of the weary!

P: **Blessed are the pure in heart.**

L: There will be a morning song for those who hunger and thirst for justice!

P: **Blessed are the poor.**

L: Because You, O Creator are God.

ALL: **There will be a morning song for all creation!**

There will be a future!

Opening Hymn* *In Christ No East or West* NCH #394

Opening Prayer

L: Welcoming God, you invite us to a banquet where the last can be first – where the humble & the mighty trade places.

P: **Teach us to share your abundance without fear.**

Remind us to greet strangers as angels. Fill us with your Love, that we may welcome others as Christ did, with a spirit of radical hospitality. Amen.

Children's Time

The Church Community Reflects

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

Congregational Response (*from Hebrews 13*)

L: Let mutual love continue;

P: **Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers;**

L: Remember those who are in prison,

P: **As though you were in prison with them;**

L: Those who are being tortured,

P: **As though you yourselves were being tortured.**

L: Do not neglect to do good and share what you have.

ALL: **Let mutual love continue.**

Scripture Reading Proverbs 25:6-7

Anthem

Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

Meditation *"Cracked Cisterns" with Nate Williams, Moderator*

The Church Community Responds

Prayers of the People

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

Response: God of Love... **Hear our prayers.**

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

Community Joys & Announcements - *Nate Williams, Moderator*

The Bringing of Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

2nd Mile Gift: *UCC Neighbors In Need*

Offertory Music

Response* *We Give You but Your Own* NCH #785

Closing Prayer* **O God our Creator, we are the work of your hands. Make us alert to injustice and ready to walk in our neighbor's shoes. Guide us in our work, that we may do it in the spirit of Christ - not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. Amen.**

Closing Hymn* *O For a World* NCH #575

Benediction & Postlude*

Welcome to all! Go in peace to love and serve!