## **Order of Worship**

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2022 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Nancy Tipton

**Welcome** Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

\*Greeting

Leader: God has gathered us here and now.

People: We are the church!

Leader: Jesus invites us to learn and grow.

People: We are the church!

Leader: The Holy Spirit empowers us to love and serve.

People: We are the church—together!

\*Hymn For All You've Done see songsheet

\*Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings,

remind us of what it means

to be the church.

Give us renewed passion and energy

for the plans you have

that can only be understood and accomplished

when we pray and work together.

Help us to be the body of believers

envisioned by your son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Act of Praise I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ Ann Weems

Reader 1: I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,

where two or three or thousands can gather together

in the Lord's name

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with the amazing good news that somebody cares,
                 that God joins us in community so that someday
                 this world will be loved to wholeness.
Reader 2:
             I celebrate this community.
             where the people say Yes in the face of No,
             where they light candles in the somber night,
             where healing and compassion leave no time for self-righteousness,
             and the life-sustaining love of Christ is evident in
                 the life of the believers.
Reader 3:
             I celebrate the church, where we dare to stand up,
             where risk runs rampant,
             and you and I and all Christ's disciples
             are called upon to follow
                 even when it costs us something,
                    something precious
                 like our friends.
                    like our respectability,
                       like our future with the company.
Reader 4:
             I celebrate the church.
             where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable,
             where arms are opened to the world's outcasts,
             where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world
                 is invited in
                    and surprised
                       by the life-giving word
                         that Christ accepts the children,
                             all the children.
Reader 5:
             I celebrate the injustices righted,
                 the protests made on behalf of the battered.
             I celebrate the awareness and awakening to humanity's
                 suffering,
                    the pain alleviated,
                       the scars erased.
             I celebrate the mercy and forgiveness,
                 the tears wiped away,
                    the hands held.
                       the gifts given,
                         the children treasured and nurtured.
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and touch the world

the races won,

the failures met.

Reader 6: I celebrate the healthy grieving for lost children.

I celebrate the life-enhancing hope that brings

the piecing together of the scattered.

I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.

whose supportive community

holds me when I'm tempted to give up,

enfolds me when I'm hurting,

affirms me, reaches out to me,

gives to me, receives from me.

Reader 7: I cannot live abundantly without this community,

God's church,

where turning to one another and working and rejoicing

with one another is a way of life -

a way of life God chose for us,

a gift God gave us,

a mission that we share.

I celebrate this way of life

that takes <u>me</u> and <u>mine</u> from the center of things

and focuses on ours and theirs.

I celebrate the trust we hold,

the spirit we share,

the attitude of partnership.

Reader 8: I celebrate that love lives among us,

that God's spirit pervades our being, our community.

I see God's face within the lives of these celebrants.

I hear God's voice in the vision of people

who call us to a better way,

a higher hope.

For God works miracles in common clay pots,

Changing caterpillars to butterflies and water to wine,

Changing seeds to oak trees and night to day,

Changing winter to springtime,

Changing lives from ordinary to abundant.

All: Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ

where the wonderful wildness of God

breaks through common clay pots

and fills us with a holy spirit that overflows

and we see rainbows,
many-splendored colors,
light in pitch darkness —
and every day is a festival of faith!

## Children's Message

Anthem Canticle of Creation Wilbur Held

**Chancel Choir** 

Scripture Matthew 16:13-19

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Are You In? Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Prayer of the People**Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

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and click "Make your online offering."

**\*Hymn** God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577

**Benediction** Rev. Wines

Postlude Lord Jesus, By Thy Word Dieterich Buxtehude

Mark Frazier, organ

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<sup>&</sup>quot;I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ" is adapted from a poem by Ann Weems. Scripture reading from "The Message: The Bible in Contemporary English" by Eugene H. Peterson Prayer of the People adapted from a prayer written by Fr. Darrell Burns, SJ