

**Order of Worship for August 23, 2020  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
On-line Worship Service  
Community Congregational Church, UCC  
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**Prelude**

**Lionel Jasmin**

**Welcome, Announcements and Centering Prayer**

**Pastor Liz**

**Call To Worship**

**Ester Banayo**

**Leader: God calls us in the midst of our lives:**

**People: "Pause a while and know that I am God."**

**Leader: Come behold the astounding things God has done in the world.**

**People: God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in times of trouble.**

**Leader: People of God, hope in our God.**

**All: God is with us, now and forevermore! Amen!**

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. We thank you that you forgive us and give us power to begin anew. Therefore, we pray that you will come to us and touch those secret places in our lives that we most need to change. Tear down the barriers that keep us from loving others. Prune away the dead leaves of our lives: through your creative power, may new shoots come forth from the barren stem. Bring forth new life with us, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" Red #421, (Vrs. 1,2, and 4)**

***Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart:***

***Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart:  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.***

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor Liz**

**Children's Story**

**Pastor Liz**

**Scripture Reading Romans 12: 9-21**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Sermon "New Life in Christ"**

**Pastor Liz**

**Special Music "Jesus is the Answer"**

**Lionel Jasmin**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication Loving God, thank you for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. Bless them and use them according to your will. Amen."**

**Closing Hymn "Take My Life, and Let it be Consecrated" (Red, #458, Vrs. 1,2,and 4)**

***Take My Life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.***

***Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing, always only, for my king,  
Always only for my king.***

***Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet it's treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only all for thee.***

**Benediction  
Postlude  
Jasmin**

**Pastor Liz  
Lionel**

(The Call to Worship and the Invocation come from Flames of the Spirit by Ruth C. Duck. Pilgrim Press. New York., 1985.) All other liturgy written by Rev. Elizabeth Aguilar.)