**Worship for Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**~ZOOM chat 10:30am**

**~VIDEO start 10:45am**

**Welcome** – **Lori**

**Call to Worship** – *inspired by Psalm 119* – **Lori**

ONE: O God, you are righteous

**ALL: Transform us by your Word!**

ONE: Your judgments are upright

**ALL: Transform us by your Word!**

ONE: Your precepts are unforgettable

**ALL: Transform us by your Word!**

ONE: Give us understanding and we will live

**ALL: Re-form us, reconcile us,**

**Transform us by your Word!**

**?Opening Hymn – JR**

**Opening Prayer – Lori**

O Still Speaking God,

throughout history and the wide world

you have gathered people around your Word

to instruct and inspire.

We give thanks for all

who have received your vision

and shaped diverse and faithful communities

to follow in your Way.

Continue to open that vision to us,

that we may become transformed

by the renewing of your Word in our hearts.

Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other.

Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds;

Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph.

We desire to be your children and

we claim these blessings in your name.  **Amen.**

~ from *Reformation and Reconciliation,*written by LT Leticia Rouser. Posted on the *Worship Ways*page of the United Church of Christwebsite. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-9.html>

**Scripture** – Readers’ Theater based on *Romans 13:8-14* **– THREE LAY READERS**

One: Poppe-Wicker

**Two: Zoey McGowen**

*Three: Steph Cox*

One: Siblings in Christ,

            don’t owe anyone anything—

            with one exception:  love.

**Two: Love is a debt which never ends,**

**because love fulfills all the requirements of God’s law.**

**For the commands given in Scripture say:**

*Three: Do not commit adultery,*

*do not murder, do not take what is not yours,*

*do not envy your neighbor.*

One: These commands, and others like them,

            can all be summed up in this one commandment:

**Two: Love your neighbor as yourself.**

*Three: Love does no wrong to others.*

*In fact, love achieves everything the law requires.*

One: This is all the more urgent,

            because of the times we are living in.

**Two: It is time to wake up and see what is right before your eyes.**

**Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.**

*Three: The night is almost over,*

*and the day of salvation will soon be here.*

One: So remove the deeds of your old, dark life like dirty clothes,

            and put on the shining armor of right living.

**Two: We belong to the day,**

**so we should live lives of decency and goodness for all to see.**

*Three: Don’t fall into patterns of dark living:*

*wild parties, drunkenness, sleeping around*

*immoral living, quarreling and jealousy.*

ALL: Instead, clothe yourselves with the presence

            of the Lord Jesus Christ,

            putting aside thoughts of how to indulge your sinful desires

*~ from* [*https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2018%20A*](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2018%20A)

**Sermon *“Wake up, now is the time to love”* – Emma**

**?Anthem – JR**

**COMMUNION – Lori**

**Prayer of Confession – Lori**

[Can this be integrated into the Communion liturgy]

Almighty God,

You have set before us the path

but we have wandered on our own

to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers

and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,

ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,

demanding to be cut loose and set free,

not knowing how much we still need

to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults

and have figured it all our and know our own way,

only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God,

that we are always Your children,

that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,

that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day,

to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,

and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

In the name of Christ,

who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. **Amen.**

*~ written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.*[*http://rev-o-lution.org/*](http://rev-o-lution.org/)

**Benediction & Commission – Emma**

The time for going on alert is with us.

**The hour has arrived for us to stop sleeping and wake up.**

Now is our full salvation nearer than when we first believed.

The night is almost over and the dawn is in the sky.

**So let us throw off the trappings of darkness**

**and dress ourselves for the light.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen!**

*~ written by Bruce Prewer and posted on****Bruce Prewer’s Home Page.***[*http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/01advent1.htm*](http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/01advent1.htm)

**?Sending Song – JR**

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**Slides after Service to include:**

* *“September Benevolence Reminder”*