

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 23, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn "In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

Prayer of Invocation

*God of Jacob,
surely you are in this place.
God of Jesus Christ, your presence rests in each one
who calls Jesus Savior.
Through your Spirit, walk with us, talk with us,
and lead us beyond our dreams to the places and people
for whom your presence means life.
Amen*

Scripture Reading Genesis 28: 10-19 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Sending Song

Benediction & Sending Forth