Fírst Congregatíonal Church Our Church ín Worshíp

June 23, 2024 10:00 AM Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE How Can I Keep from Singing – arr. John Carter

Elizabeth Blood

It Is Well with My Soul – arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Stevens

OPENING HYMN NO. 25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones. **People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.**

Leader: Where there was no way. **People: Where there was no mercy.**Leader: Where there was weeping

All: God invites us to step into a new dance.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Rev. Barbara Papagian

Rev. Christopher Stevens

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe, but also raises many questions without easy answers. Open our eyes to see you in our boat today. Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead. Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER
OUR PRAYER CONCERNS
SILENT MEDITATION
OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Maryann Linscott.

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

Rev. Christopher Stevens

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATE

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Jennifer Plourde, Deacon

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL QUILT & BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

HYMN NO. 612

O Jesus, I Have Promised

OUR MORNING OFFERING

Rev. Christopher Stevens

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Just As I Am – arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 46)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Help us who have received so freely from You, to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

Selma Hoff

SERMON

Hakuna Matata

Rev. Barbara Papagian

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 85

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – arr. Melody Bober

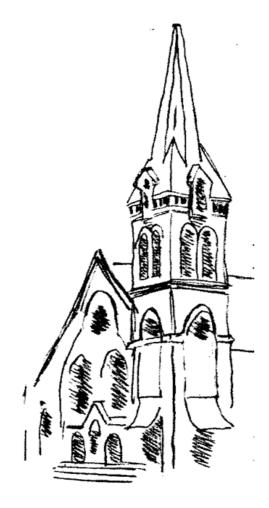
*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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