

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

May 27, 2018 10:00 AM

Memorial Day Sunday

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PRELUDE Concert Variations on the *Star-Spangled Banner* - Dudley Buck Adam Peithmann  
Theme and Variations 1 and 2

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Amazing Grace!* Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.  
**People: We remember our fallen veterans, and the sacrifices they have made on our behalf.**  
Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.  
**People: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**  
Leader: Let us begin our time or worship with a moment of silence, for all those who have sacrificed themselves in the service of our country's peace and freedom.

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**God of every nation, as we today remember our Veterans, especially those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. Strengthen us to do all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. In the spirit of our Christ, give us the courage and determination to love not only our family members, friends and neighbors, but our enemies as well. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 725 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1 (NRSV) Matthew Priebis  
*For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

MESSAGE: Remembrance Day

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *From Sea to Shining Sea* – arr. Samuel A. Ward Chancel Choir  
O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassion'd stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy  
**PEOPLE: Hear our prayer**

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

PLAYING OF TAPS Jay Daly, trumpet

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

\*HYMN NO. 722 *This Is My Song*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Chalice Hymnal 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)**

**Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 26:6-13

Sandy Salinas

**SERMON**

In Remembrance

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 431**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Concert Variations on the *Star-Spangled Banner* – Dudley Buck  
Variations 3 and 5

*\*You are invited to stand if you wish*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 26:6-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 27

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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United Church of Christ

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