

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

June 10, 2018 10:00 AM

Music Sunday

PRELUDE *Praeludium in d minor* – Johann Pachelbel Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Morning Has Broken* – arr. Cat Stevens/Harry Simeone Chancel Choir
(Sopranos and Altos)

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh for the Word. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths will proclaim your praise.

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you. Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you. Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 7 *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

RECOGNITION FOR KATHY ALGER

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalms 149:1-4 (NRSV) Laura Parker
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful! Let Israel celebrate its maker; let Zion's children rejoice in their king! Let them praise God's name with dance; let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre! Because the Lord is pleased with his people, God will beautify the poor with saving help.

MESSAGE: Sing to the Lord

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *River in Judea* Chancel Choir &
Leo LeBlanc, Percussionist

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.

Refrain: There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on trav'lin but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings (Refrain). May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, meet by the shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more: (Refrain) Alleluia!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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)

O God, before whom, at creation, the morning stars sang together, and at the birth of whose Son angels praised you, singing "Glory to God in the highest:" may our offerings be a true song of praise, helping speed the time of peace on earth, and goodwill among all your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Pip Adams

SERMON

The Power of Music

Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 136

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale – A. Guilmant

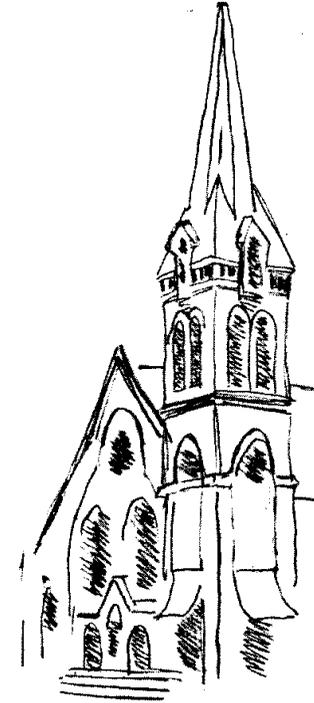
*You are invited to stand if you wish

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 186

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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