

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

June 24, 2018 9:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Trio – J. S. Bach* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

PEOPLE: **For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

PEOPLE: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 15 *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Grande Valse Brillante in E-Flat Major, opus 18* Abby Curtis
by Frédéric Chopin

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.

*HYMN NO. 545 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

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)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE "The Beatitudes" Chalice Hymnal No. 185

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:1-10 Pamela Priebis

SERMON Life is What You Do Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 558 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in a minor – J. S. Bach*

*You are invited to stand if you wish

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

New Testament page 96 in RSV Pew Bibles

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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