

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

July 29, 2018 9:30 AM

Season of Pentecost

Worship Leader: Emelia Attridge

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me!* – William Bolcom Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Barbara Papagian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Emelia Attridge

ONE: There is a force within that gives you life...

MANY: Seek that.

ONE: In your body there lies a priceless jewel...

MANY: Seek that.

ONE: If you are in search of the greatest treasure, don't look outside...

MANY: Look within, and seek that.

— adapted from the poet Rumi

*OPENING HYMN NO. 110 *You Servants of God*

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Bridget Thornton, soloist

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw closer to him, from care he set me free: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

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. 585 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Bridget Thornton

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows dear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*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, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us – Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

REPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 147 Chalice Hymnal #767

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 10:38-42 Jonathan Martin

SERMON: Take a Breath Emelia Attridge

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 556 *Trust and Obey*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in a minor BWV 543 – Johann Sebastian Bach*

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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TODAY’S PREACHER

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