

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

September 9, 2018 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Trio in F – Johann Sebastian Bach* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Come, Ye That Love the Lord – Alice Parker* Chancel Choir

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne. The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place; Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; But favorites of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.

PEOPLE: **With thanks, we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

LEADER: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

PEOPLE: **With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 272 *The Church's One Foundation*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of the faithful in every time, today you have called us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You have bestowed upon us the gifts we need for your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift, which is love. Knead us together into one loaf with all your people throughout the world, through your Spirit of unity we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Kelda York

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:13-16(CEB)

Sylvie York

'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

MESSAGE: Make Jesus' teachings a part of your every day life.

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing – Martin Shaw* Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of this name, make his praise to be glorious.

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

In this time of quiet rev'ence, God, fill us now with everlasting peace, and may each and ev'ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

HYMN NO. 518

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

OUR MORNING OFFERING

*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, use our offerings of money, time and talents to enliven your church, to encourage a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 84 Stephen Bearse

SERMON: The Living Church Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 458 *Ours the Journey*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in D* – Dieterich Buxtehude

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 84 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: Old Testament page 522

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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