

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

September 16, 2018 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Andante* – Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *How Very Good and Pleasant* – Barbara Boertje Chancel Choir
How very good and pleasant when we live in unity. It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew. We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to God who's the center of our unity and praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Come, listen to the One

PEOPLE: **Who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

LEADER: Come, see the One

PEOPLE: **Who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

LEADER: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

PEOPLE: **Who shows the salvation of God.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 95 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your little flock of young and old, male and female, rich and poor, strong and weak, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. We have come: we are dressed for action and have our lamps lit, we are ready for a new dawn that brings an everlasting day. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 3:33-35 (Common English Bible) Audrey Peithmann
He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."

MESSAGE: The Family of Faith

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *Hear My Prayer* – Moses Hogan Chancel Choir
O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear, Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done. And you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

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 with ev'ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

HYMN NO. 578 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;**

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United Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM (9:30 Summer)

You are welcome here!
An Open & Affirming Congregation

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Life-giving God, by faith we obey your call to set before you the promise and inheritance of who we are and what we have, which you have first given to us in love. May our humble offering be pleasing in your sight and multiply, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore, for the greater good of all creation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-30 Karen Hawver

SERMON: What's My Line? Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 233 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro con brio* – F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-30 (New Revised Standard Version)

RSV Pew Bible: New Testament page 40

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.