

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

October 14, 2018 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Aria with Variations* – Dietrich Buxtehude Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* – Samuel S. Wesley Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: **In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

LEADER: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: **In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

ALL: **God of present, past and future, guide us now to your new age of faith and promise.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 542 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we have received from your hand, the flame of joy is the most precious. We have also come to this hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Pip Adams

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 13:21-22

The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

MESSAGE: A Pillar of Fire

CLOSING PRAYER

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Adrian Jaylen Brown

Born April 26th, 2016 to Nickyla and Jaylen Brown

With Godparents, Idalis Austin and Phillip Brown

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

PROMISES OF COVENANT

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

We receive Adrian Jaylen as a newly baptized person in Christ and welcome him into the family of faith. We enfold him in our love, seeking together to grow in unity of spirit and abundance of life in Christ. We join together with joy to proclaim the gospel of grace, so that, through our words and deeds, God's love might be made known in all corners of the world.

QUILT PRESENTATION

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHORAL ANTHEM *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* – arr. Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes (Refrain). You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Refrain). And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore! (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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

*HYMN NO. 339

Just as I am, Without One Plea

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)

In the name and spirit of Christ, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them, a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:17-27

Pip Adams

SERMON:

The Eye of the Needle

Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 609

Take My Life

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C – D. Buxtehude

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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