

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

October 21, 2018 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* – Johann Sebastian Bach Adam Peithmann

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

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

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your 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: God of Grace, we come with all we have

PEOPLE: **Bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you**

LEADER: We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness

PEOPLE: **A world where love rules all, a world where enemies embrace**

LEADER: Distinctions between friend and foe evaporating in the light of your love

PEOPLE: **We dedicate this hour of worship to you and to your kingdom come. Amen.**

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

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator of all, Redeemer of all, Sustainer of all, we are gathered in your presence to stand side by side with those who have gone before us, who have lived the mystery of your grace and responded by following you on the way. May your Holy Spirit guide us as we follow you to the places that you are calling your churches to be. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN Kelda York

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 19:13-15 Tyler Longval

Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. "Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

MESSAGE: Jesus Loves All the Children of the World

CLOSING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHORAL ANTHEM *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* – Gordon Young Chancel Choir

From all that dwell below the skies – Let the Creator's praise arise: Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends thy word: Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

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

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia!

HYMN NO. 602 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

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)**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; Through your goodness, we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:35-45 Allen Pattee

SERMON: Imagine That Barbara Papagian

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 337 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in c BWV 546 – J. S. Bach*

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING MARK 10:35-45 (REVISED STANDARD VERSION)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"

And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

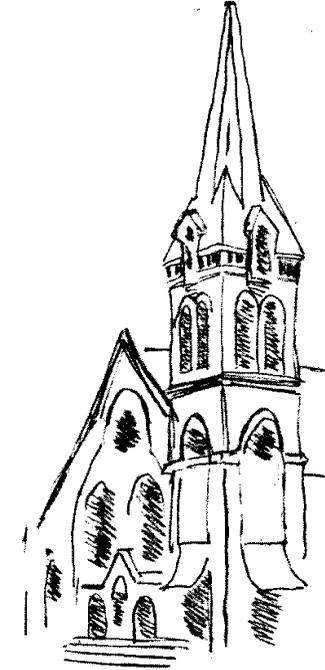
So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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