

First Congregational Church

Our Church in Worship

November 18, 2018 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Sunday

PRELUDE *Prelude in C BWV 547 – J. S. Bach* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *For the Beauty of the Earth – arr. Kevin McChesney* Sabbath Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

PEOPLE: **For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.**

LEADER: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

PEOPLE: **For we are the bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.**

ALL: **Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 276 *We Gather Together*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Loving God, you are all mystery, and yet each created moment tells us of your goodness. We are ill at ease in a world we cannot control, but you have given us the secret of love. Grant us so to love our neighbors and ourselves that we may find you whom we seek with heart and mind and soul and strength; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (Common English Bible)

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! Know that the Lord is God – he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

MESSAGE: Give Thanks to God

CLOSING PRAYER

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Riley Autumn Beane – Born November 21, 2017

Parents: Nicole and Lucas Beane

Godparents: Kevin McKenney and Brianna McKenney

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

PROMISES OF COVENANT

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

We receive Riley Autumn as a newly baptized person in Christ and welcome her into the family of faith. We enfold her 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

CHORAL ANTHEM *Look at the World – John Rutter* Chancel Choir

Look at the world, ev'rything around us: Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain (Refrain). Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold (Refrain). Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love. We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty, His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above. (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. 715 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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)

Lord God, heavenly King, we offer these gifts as a sign of our love, devotion, and praise. Through these, as through our praises, we acknowledge that you are our Lord. In your name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:15-17 Mona Naccach

SERMON: Practicing Gratitude Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 717 *Let All Things Now Living*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* – arr. Fred Bock

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:15-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 186

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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