

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

July 7, 2019 9:30 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Andante espressivo* – Dudley Buck Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: God, you are my God, I am seeking you. My soul is thirsting for you, my flesh is longing for you as a land parched, weary and waterless;

PEOPLE: **I long to gaze on you in the Sanctuary, and to see your power and glory.**

ALL: **Come, let us worship the Living God!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 33 *How Great Thou Art*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we open our hearts to hear your voice through word, song, and community. Transform our hearts from fear to courage, from certainty, in spiritual matters, to trust, and from passivity to Christian action. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Consecration* – G. F. Handel Kevin Pleas, Soloist

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments, take my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful, Lord, for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my love; O Lord, I pour at thy feet in treasure store. I am thine, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.

*HYMN NO. 566 *Be Still, My Soul*

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)

We pray together, grateful that you have called us to labor in your kingdom. May these gifts extend our welcome, offer healing and reach out in gentleness to bring the peace and joy of God to the world. We especially thank you that you have written our names in heaven. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 Chalice Hymnal No.752

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 12:1-2 Jonathan Martin

SERMON Heroes Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 720 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fughetta from "Concert Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner"*
-Dudley Buck

*You are invited to stand if you wish

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:1-2 (New Revised Standard Version)

New Testament page 207 in RSV Pew Bibles

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM (Summer)

You are welcome here!
An Open & Affirming Congregation