

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

September 8, 2019 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Adagio* – Charles Marie Widor Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Out of Need and Out of Custom* – Ken Medema Chancel Choir

Out of need and out of custom, we have gathered here again; to the gathering we are bringing love and laughter, grief and pain. Some believing, some rejoicing, some afraid, and some in doubt, come we now our questions voicing, we would search these matters out.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.

PEOPLE: **With thanks, we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

LEADER: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

PEOPLE: **With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 272 *The Church's One Foundation*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of the faithful in every time, today you have called us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You have bestowed upon us the gifts we need for your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift, which is love. Knead us together into one loaf with all your people throughout the world, through your Spirit of unity we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:6 (Common English Bible)

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

MESSAGE: The Real Thing

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* – Martin Shaw Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered this people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

HYMN NO. 518 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

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)

O God, as we begin this new church year, use our offerings of money, time and talents to enliven your church, to encourage a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-17

SERMON:

No One is an Island

Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C Major BMV 547 – Johann Sebastian Bach

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 149

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

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You are welcome here!
An Open & Affirming Congregation