

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

October 6, 2019 10:00 AM

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* – arr. John A. Behnke Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *The Rice of Life (Taiwanese)* Chancel Choir

The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above. Receive this gift, God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love. The rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below. Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show. The living rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give. Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people die and live.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

LEADER: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

PEOPLE: **We are created for community!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 386 *We Come as Guests Invited*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Lord, renew in us the gift of your Spirit, so that we may be purified in the waters of repentance, and with one heart we may glorify your name and proclaim your mercy. Open our minds to the scriptures, that they may become for us living words and illumine our hearts. Let your Spirit fill us with love to inspire our prayers today for our sisters and brothers, and for the perfect unity of your church. In the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 86:8-10 (Common English Bible)

My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods! There is nothing that can compare to your works! All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name, because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.

MESSAGE: God of All People

CLOSING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Diana Kirk

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Speak to Me (Jamaican feel)* – Kirk Franklin Chancel Choir

Speak to me, Lord Jesus, I need to hear from you. If you don't speak, Lord Jesus, I don't know that to do. I wake up in the mornin' and I see the bright sunshine. Livin' without you Jesus, I could have no peace of mind. Your name I keep on callin' like a melody so sweet. If I touch the hem of your garment, my life will be complete. Speak to me, talk to me, shout with me, walk with me, Hallelujah!

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 *Mayenziwe – South African*

(Sung in Zulu) Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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)**

Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible. We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors. God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as You intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression. Embolden us, O God, to imagine and believe that another world is possible! This we ask in the name of our Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 4:1-16 Sam Knowles

SERMON: My Brother's Keeper Rev. Kevin Pleas

*HYMN: *Come, Let Us Eat (Insert) – Liberian Hymn*

**THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
PLEASE SEE BLUE BULLETIN INSERT**

All are welcome to receive the sacrament, members and visitors.
We serve non-alcoholic grape juice, bread, and a gluten-free alternative, usually rice cakes.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: *Eat This Bread and Jesus, Remember Me*

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 422 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Reprise)*
Last line is sung twice

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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