

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

October 20, 2019 10:00 AM

New Member Sunday

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PRELUDE *Adagio (Sonata I) - Mendelssohn* Peter Labombarde

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Come, let us worship Almighty God.

PEOPLE: **Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.**

LEADER: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

PEOPLE: **Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.**

LEADER: Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

PEOPLE: **Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 27 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Gracious God, who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still, small voice, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope and life. Be with us, care for us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:21-22 (Common English Bible) Tyler Longval

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land. The waters were split into two. The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.*

MESSAGE: The Red Sea

CLOSING PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INVITATION

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

READING OF THE COVENANT

*Please see the blue bulletin insert for the Church Covenant*

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

**Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus our Christ, we gladly welcome you into this community of faith, enfolding you with our love and committing ourselves to your care. In the power of God's Spirit, let us mutually encourage each other to trust God, and strengthen one another to serve the world, that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.**

DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP

PRAYER AND BLESSING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Vicki Tinsley

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol Soucy

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. 585

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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)**

**God of all peoples and all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to  
extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us  
may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Luke 18:1-8

Janie Shaklee

**SERMON:**

Persistence

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 439**

*God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune in B Flat Major – Roy Brunner*

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)**

Pew Bible: New Testament page 75.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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United Church of Christ

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## You are welcome here!

### An Open & Affirming Congregation

