

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

October 27, 2019 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Chorale* – Dietrich Buxtehude Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* – Samuel S. Wesley Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: **In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

LEADER: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: **In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.**

ALL: **God of present, past and future, guide us now to your new age of faith and promise.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 100 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we have received from your hand, the flame of joy is the most precious. We have also come to this hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-3 (CEB)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me.

MESSAGE: The Ten Commandments

CLOSING PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Parker Thornton, Global Messenger, Special Olympics

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace* Chancel Choir

- Stephen L. Lawrence

Lord, make an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith. Where there's despair, let me sow hope; where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, let me sow joy. Lord, grant that I not seek so much to be consoled as to console, nor to be understood as much as to understand. Oh, Lord, grant that I not seek so much to be loved as to love. For it is by giving that we receive, it is by pardoning that we are pardoned. It is by dying that are born to eternal life.

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

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*HYMN NO. 254 *Breathe on Me, Breath of 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)**

**In the name and spirit of Christ, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with
them, a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pam Pleas

SERMON:

A New Covenant

Rev. Kevin Pleas

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 609**

Take My Life

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D Major BuxWV 139 – D. Buxtehude

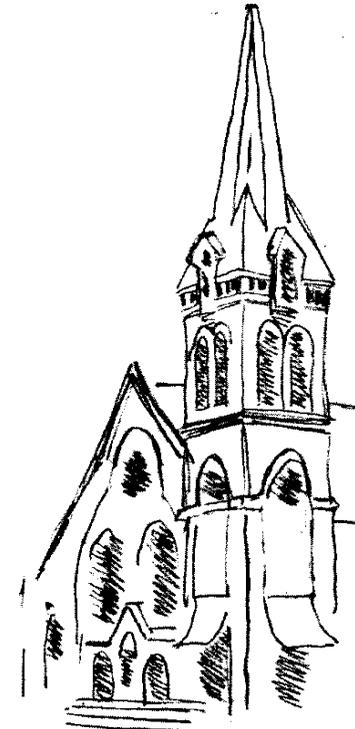
*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: Old Testament page 693

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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