

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

November 10, 2019 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

PRELUDE *Allegro con brio* – Dudley Buck Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Barbara Papagian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely* – Hal. H. Hopson Chancel Choir

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: We gather as God's beloved children -

PEOPLE: **However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

LEADER: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls community -

PEOPLE: **So this is a place where all are welcome.**

LEADER: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with others -

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 613 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of peace and understanding, we ask blessings on all those men and women who have served in the military and sacrificed time, comfort, strength, and health for the peace and safety of their families and friends and those unknown to them. We know some of them are hurting emotionally and physically and we ask that you bring healing to them and patience and wisdom to those around them. We ask that you watch over all military families, both current and veterans, and may you bless them with peace and happiness. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Rev. Kevin Pleas

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *Be Strong in the Lord* – Tom Fettke Chancel Choir

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your defender is he who is always the same. Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on his name.

Refrain: Be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Put on the armour the Lord has provided; Place your defense in his unfailing care. Trust him for he will be with you in battle, Lighting your path to avoid ev'ry snare. (Refrain)
Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage; Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle, for the vict'ry is always His: He will protect you wherever you go. (Refrain)

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

In this time of quiet rev'ence, God, fill us now with everlasting peace, and may each and ev'ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

HYMN NO. 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer!

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)**

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-17

Liz Verity

SERMON:

Freedoms and the 4 "E" Words

Barbara Papagian

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 85**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace – Felix Mendelssohn

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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An Open & Affirming Congregation