

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

November 17, 2019 10:00 AM

Season of Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Chorale* – N. Bruhns Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT *Sing and Rejoice* – William Bradbury Chancel Choir  
Sing and rejoice, let all things living now sing and rejoice! Alleluia, peace and goodwill to all, peace and goodwill!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

LEADER: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

LEADER: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.**

LEADER: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.**

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

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Love, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECT

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:7 (Common English Bible)

*Do not use the Lord your God's name as it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone that uses his name that way.*

MESSAGE: The Third Commandment

CLOSING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *You Are Mine* – David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadow of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me. Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (Refrain)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am peace the world cannot give. I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live! (Refrain)

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

In this time of quiet rev'rence, 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. 433 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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 every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed, and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections, and that in Jesus Christ we are brought more fully into the fullness of your graceful image. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Sam Knowles

**SERMON:**

The Gifts of Ministry

Rev. Kevin Pleas

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 494**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium in e minor* – Nicolaus Bruhns

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 179

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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