

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

June 27, 2021 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* – Douglas Wagner Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Kevin Pleas

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The kingdom of God has come near! Let us enter this time of worship with joyful expectation!

**People: We have come here to praise God. We give thanks to God forever!**

Leader: Rejoice in the work God gives you to do! Rejoice that your names are known to God!

**People: We have known God's blessing in many ways. We bless the God of grace who has not let our feet slip.**

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**O God, Creator and Lover of all people, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We open our hearts to hear the teaching you have for us and the direction you would lead us. May our hearts respond this day to the opportunities you show us and may our boast be only in the cross of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 545 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-2 Rev. Barbara Papagian

SERMON: "Metanoia" Rev. Kevin Pleas

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 619 *My Life Flows On*

BENEDICTION

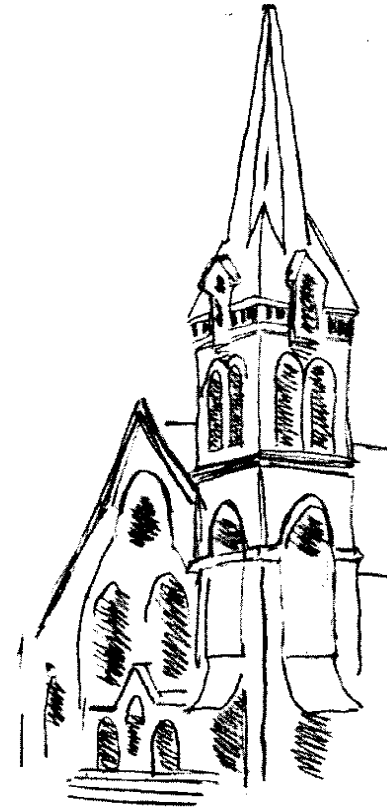
POSTLUDE *Strong-Tower Postlude (A Mighty Fortress)* – arr. Matthias Nagel

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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