

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

July 11, 2021 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Adam Peithmann
- Sebastian Temple/arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.
People: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.
Leader: We are gathered to renew our hope in the Spirit as we travel life's long journey.
People: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love for our future.
Leader: The same Spirit guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.
People: We praise God with our whole hearts and entrust our lives to God's hands.

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

Most Gracious God, we greet you once again in this sacred time. We come to worship because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need, want and desire your presence in our lives. So, we come in prayer and listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 2 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Piper Grace Goodrich
Born November 9, 2020 to Lindsey and Greg Goodrich

WELCOME AND ADDRESS
PROMISES OF COVENANT
BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

QUILT PRESENTATION

WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION

We receive Piper as a newly baptized person in Christ and welcome her into the family of faith. We enfold her in our love, seeking together to grow in unity of spirit and abundance of life in Christ. We join together with joy to proclaim the gospel of grace, so that, through our words and deeds, God's love might be made known in all corners of the world.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 433 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Barbara Papagian

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

LEADER: God, in your mercy
PEOPLE: Hear our prayer

SILENT MEDITATION

OUR 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Prelude in Classic Style* by Gordon Young Elizabeth Blood, piano & Adam Peithmann, organ

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 Rev. Barbara Papagian

SERMON: "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Rev. Kevin Pleas

A SERVICE OF FAREWELL (SEE INSERT)

PRESENTATION OF GIFT

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 458 *Ours the Journey*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

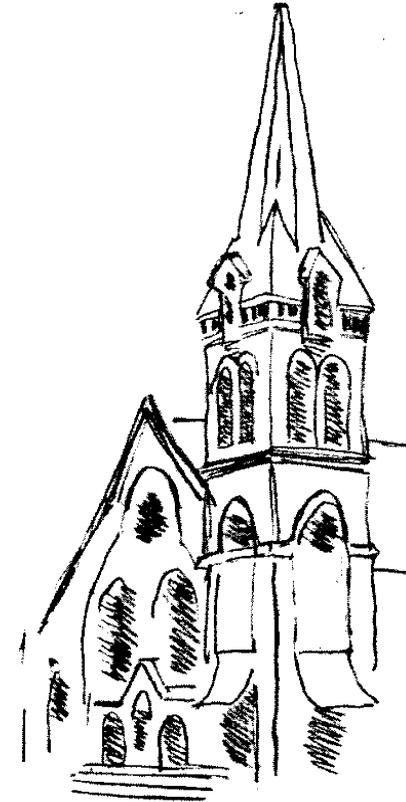
Lift High the Cross by Larry Shackley

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (New Revised Standard Version)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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