

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

August 1, 2021 10:00 AM

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Allegretto* – Felix Mendelssohn Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
People: **The One who calls us,**  
Leader: The One who equips us,  
People: **The One who loves us without end.**  
All: **With joyful hearts, let us worship God**

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**Heavenly Father, even when we understand Your will for our life, it is not always easy to live it out in our life. Living according to Your word requires us to make many sacrifices. We ask that You uphold us by Your Holy Spirit. We ask that You guide us through the challenges of life so that we might become witnesses to Your immense love. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 419 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

SILENT MEDITATION

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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Terri Pattee, Handbells  
- arr. Dick Wall

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Craig Finefrock

SERMON: "The Ultimate Gripe Fest" Rev. Barbara Papagian

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 622 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

BENEDICTION

**Go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom, where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways and there is grace enough for all.  
And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround you and sustain you in the coming days. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso e Vivace* – Felix Mendelssohn

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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