

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

May 29, 2022 10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday in Easter

PRELUDE *Andante espressivo from Grand Sonata op. 22 – Dudley Buck* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Carolyn Keilig

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: On this day of memory we gather to sing and pray.

People: We remember the past and look to the future.

Leader: On this day of hope in the face of terror.

People: We come before you, God, praying with our hearts.

Leader: In this time of story, song, and prayer

People: May we be re-committed to being people of peace, true peace.

Leader: May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

People: Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of peace; as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ. We ask that you cover our service men and women with your sheltering grace. We ask that our armed forces trust in Your mighty power and feel the love and support of those whose freedom they are fighting for. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 705 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

A TIME TO WONDER *Do Not Be Terrified* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *Simple Praise – Craig Courtney* Chancel Choir

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound; for the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round. For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze; for these simple gifts, we give simple praise. Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One who has given us breath and given His Son. To the Giver of blessings for all of our days, for these simple gifts, we give simple praise. For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand; for the deeper emotions we can't understand. For the lessons we learn from the trials we face; for these simple gifts, we give simple praise. The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One from whom ev'ry blessing of living has come; for measureless mercy and limitless grace, for these simple gifts we give simple praise. For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound; for the unfolding seasons, the earth

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PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Barbara Papagian

SILENT MEDITATION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

*HYMN NO. 677 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 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)

Gracious God, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source of hope and love in this church family, and the community beyond us. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Liz Verity

Psalm 91; Luke 21:5-19

SERMON *Faithful Warriors* Rev. Barbara Papagian

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 85 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro con brio from Grand Sonata op. 22 – Dudley Buck*

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Luke 21:5-19

And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?" And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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