

*First Congregational Church*  
*Our Church in Worship*

June 19, 2022 10:00 AM

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pride Month Sunday

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PRELUDE *Over the Rainbow* – arr. Jim Brickman Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Tom Irving, Bridget Thornton & Ruth Knowles

Voice One: We are the body of Christ.

Voice Two: The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, arms embracing,

Voice Three: Justice seeking, hymn singing, bread breaking, risk taking

**All: Body of Christ!**

Voice One: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body,

**All: Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

Voice Two: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you,"

**All: For only together can we find wholeness.**

Voice Three: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you,"

**All: For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

Voice One: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

**All: Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Loving God, at all times, we ask for connections - to you, to ourselves, to one another, and to your creative purpose. Empower us anew, we pray, with tongues of fire and hearts of love to proclaim the reconciling word among all people. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing in all that we say and do that we recognize all as part of God's Beloved Community. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body and rejoice in each one being a part of it. We ask for more love, around us, among us, between us. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 688 *When, in Awe of God's Creation*

A TIME TO WONDER *Where Do I Fit In?* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *Here is a Man* – by Jeffrey Frye Jeffrey Frye, soloist

A READING OF OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT Selma Naccach-Hoff, Janie Shaklee, Justin May, Lisa Allen & Daniel Jung

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. 485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

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)

**Holy God, we sometimes feel we can stay as an island, protected and guarded, and still be faithful to you. Then you remind us that we are part of one body in Christ and that every part, from the greatest to the least, is important to the whole. As we give our gifts this morning, we are reminded that our generosity strengthens us and the whole body, here and in the farthest parts of the globe. This, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Carol Soucy

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

SERMON *One Body, One Spirit* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 56 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: You are the hands and feet of God in our wide and connected community. You are called to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace. So as you leave this place, how will you live?

**People: We go from this place of worship to share the gifts we have been given; to build up the Body of Christ; to carry the Holy to the world around us.**

Leader: Go in love, go in peace, go with God. Amen.

POSTLUDE                      Improvisation on *We Shall Overcome* – arr. Carl Haywood

Call to Worship adapted from a worship service from the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Oak Park, IL.

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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SCRIPTURE READING:

**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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