

*First Congregational Church*

*Our Church in Worship*

June 26, 2022 10:00 AM

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann & Leo LeBlanc, percussion

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Carolyn Keilig

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Call to mind the mighty acts of God. Remember the wonders God has revealed in our life.

**People: With a strong arm, God redeems the people. Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd’s care.**

Leader: We have inherited the mission of the prophets and to step out with deeds of love.

**All: We have gathered in worship for the renewal of our lives. We have gathered to be equipped as God’s disciples.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Lord, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 544 *No, Not One!*

A TIME TO WONDER *When You’re Not Quite Ready* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *Peace in the Valley* – arr. Jason Coleman

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. 588 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

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)

**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Luke 9:51-62

Justin May

SERMON

*The Christian Experience*

Rev. Barbara Papagian

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 609

*Take My Life*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Joy in My Soul* – arr. Mark Hayes

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **1Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

### **Luke 9:51-62**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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## You are welcome here!

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