

*First Congregational Church*

July 3, 2022 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *The Entertainer* – Scott Joplin/arr. G. Eaton Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We come with joy – grateful for the spacious skies of summer.

**People: We come thankful for purple mountains, blue sea, roadside lilies, warm sun.**

Leader: We come, a people grateful for our country, committed to our faith, welcoming all people, and praying for wisdom in all times and in every situation.

**People: God shed your grace on your beloved children throughout the world.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joy. As we draw near to you this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 720 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

A TIME TO WONDER *Successful Sowing* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *Sweet Sixteenths* – William Albright Assisted by Jim Fogle

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. 579 *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

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)

**We give thanks to you, O God, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing be a sign of your inbreaking realm and a source of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Selma Naccach-Hoff

Galatians 6:1-9; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERMON *Sow in Joy* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 453 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Maple Leaf Rag* – Scott Joplin/arr. G Eaton

The call to worship was adapted by one written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi and the prayers of invocation and dedication were written by Rev. Heather A. Moody, Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Poughkeepsie, NY.

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Galatians 6:1-9**

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.

### **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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