

# First Congregational Church

July 10, 2022 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *God So Loved the World* -- John Stainer Michelle Harrington & Carol Soucy  
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather to worship God and to proclaim our love of God.

**People: God delights in us, just as God has found wonder in every generation.**

Leader: We come, proclaiming our love of neighbor.

**People: Jesus challenges us to see each person as the neighbor we are to serve.**

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Lord, whose very heart is compassion and hope.

**People: Let us be partners in caring for all who are in need.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Loving Healer, give us the eyes of Jesus to clearly see both neighbors and strangers as your beloved children. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Move us beyond our comfort zone so that by our words and actions we are recognized as your disciples. We ask this in the name of Christ, Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 110 *You Servants of God*

A TIME TO WONDER *It's Too Hard* Rev. Carolyn Keilig

MUSICAL OFFERING *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* -- Harry Rowe Shelley Adam Peithmann

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransom'd soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I stray'd, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth, and O, the transport of delight with which my cup o'erfloweth. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

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. 503 *O Christ, the Healer*

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)

**God of compassion and mercy, may the gifts that we bring to you this day and every day reflect our understanding of what it means to love you and love our neighbor. We ask that our giving move beyond our morning offering and be reflected in our lives lived selflessly for others. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who gave all. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daniel McKenney

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Luke 10:25-37

SERMON *The Riskiness of Neighborliness*

Rev. Carolyn Keilig

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 484 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in e minor* -- N. Bruhns

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

### **Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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