

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

July 17, 2022 10:00 AM
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Because He Lives* – arr. John Purifoy Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

INTROIT *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* – Spiritual/ arr. Lloyd Larson Bridget Thornton, soloist
(text from hymn no. 627)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

People: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

Leader: By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

People: By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

All: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to your presence; open our ears to Your call, open our hearts to one another. And then send us back into the world, to live and work as Your faithful disciples. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 272 *The Church's One Foundation*

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. 577 *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *How Great Thou Art* – Stuart K. Hine/arr. L. Larson
(text from hymn no. 33)

*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 for hope and love in this church family and in the community beyond us. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 16:21-28; Acts 21:10-12

Lisa Allen

MESSAGE

Have You Lost Your Church Mojo?

Pip Adams

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 621

"Are ye Able," Said the Master

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata – D. Wagner

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Acts 21:10-12

While we were staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. He came to us and took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands with it, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is the way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and will hand him over to the gentiles.'" When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.

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