

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

July 24, 2022 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* – arr. Matt Hyzer Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

INTROIT *Amazing Grace* – arr. Christine D. Anderson Terri Pattee, Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” Lord, as we search, let us find you.

People: As we knock, open the door to us.

Leader: Let us know you, that we may praise you;

All: and love you, that we may serve you.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of every day life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, in that we might become makers of your peace in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Amen

*OPENING HYMN NO. 575 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

PASTORAL PRAYER (This morning’s Pastoral Prayer was written by Thom Shuman)

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.

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 dedicate this money, Lord, for the work of the church. We ask you to use all we have and all that we are in your service. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 5:1-3; Luke 11:1-13

Ellie Stetson

SERMON

Why Pray?

Rev. Barbara Papagian

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 265 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

BENEDICTION

As we leave this service today, let us share the love that has surrounded us in this Sanctuary, knowing that God will equip us in our workplace and guide us to be good neighbors. May we be God’s hands and feet to the needy, God’s words of affirmation to the oppressed, and God’s arms of comfort to the lonely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major (“Little”)* – Johann Sebastian Bach

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 5:1-3

Listen to my words, O Lord; attend to my sighing.

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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