

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Prelude in Fugue in A Minor by J.S. Bach

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Call to Worship

The Lord has greatly blessed us,
with all that we need and more.

**God has done miracles in our lives
beyond what we could ask,
or comprehend
or even hope for.**

The Holy One has made us
thousands of myriads—
not just one thing,
but multitudes.

**Let us come now,
again . . .
always . . .**

to offer our praise to the Creator of all. AMEN

***Hymn # 18 “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”** (Psalm 100)

Words: William Kethe, 1561, alt. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice; delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid, who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.

Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls. Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure, whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Lord,
the hearts of all turn to You in hope;
and You give them what they need.
You open Your hand
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—
to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams,
to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence
nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.
For You alone are God,
the Source and Sustainer of life.
In Jesus' name, AMEN

Hymn # 722 "This is My Song"

Words: st. 1,2,Lloyd Stone, 1934; st. 3, Georgia Harness, c. 1939 alt.

Music: Jean Sibelious, 1899; arr. The Hymnal, 1933

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations: let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done. In peace may all earth's people draw together, and hearts united learn to

live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Message for All Ages

Leah Davis

From America, I'm So Glad You Were Born, by Ainsley Earheart

Hymn for All Ages # 720 "O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"

Words: Katherine Lee Bates, 1893; Music: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold re-fine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God
mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Biggar

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:8-14, 21

Reflection: "God's Kin-dom"

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Finlandia Setting by B. Henkelmann

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done;
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

Gracious God,

**You have made our lives more than we ever dreamed,
offering blessings beyond our greatest imaginings,
multitudes of mercy, great gifts of grace.**

**From this bounty, we offer ourselves and our lives—
our time, talents, and treasures—
with joy and gladness,
for now and for always. AMEN**

Communion Hymn # 425 “Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees”

African-American Spiritual; arr. Carleton R. Young, alt.

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Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution
Sharing the Elements (by Intinction)
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn # 717 “Let All Things Now Living”**

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

Music: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

Let all things now living a song of thanks-giving
to God our creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration, a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

***Benediction**

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude The Master Has Called Us by G. Peterson

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>.

THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesday, – July 7 - Tuesday Gals at 10am

Friday, July 10 – Movie Night – Doors open at 5:30pm – Pot Luck at 6pm,
Movie at 6:30pm

Saturday, July 11 – Pet Pantry from 9-10am

Sunday, July 12 - Worship at 9:30am

IN OUR PRAYERS*

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

- mourning the loss of loved ones;
- serving our country in the military,
including James Black, E-6, US Navy., Nick Mangino, Master Sergrant, Maine Air National Guard;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns,

including Candy B., George D. (brother of Leah D.), Sandra and Vince G., Wayne and Beth M., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanelle S.

We pray for those in the wider world, nationally and globally who are

- hungry or unhoused,
- experiencing violence and destruction from wars and conflicts,
- rebuilding their lives following natural disasters,
- recovering from trauma.

We pray for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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