

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Call to Worship *from Psalm 105*

O give thanks to the Lord.

We call on God's name.

Make known the deeds of our Creator,

singing them into the world.

Sing to God, O people.

We will sing praise—

to tell of God's wondrous works,

and give thanks for so many miracles.

Come, and seek the presence of the Lord—

and glory in God's holy name.

Let the hearts of all who seek the Holy rejoice,

for God brings strength to all the people.

AMEN

***Hymn # 4 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty”**

Words: Reginald Heber, alt.; Music: John B. Dykes – Public Domain

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Opening Prayer *from Exodus 3* (in unison)

**Creator God, who shall we say that You are?
By what name can we call You—
that would be enough to speak of all that You are
and all that You shall be?
We can only call You ‘I Am,’
for You Were—and Are—
and always Will Be—the Holy One.
You call us by name and invite us to come to You.
We answer, “Here I am,” and come to stand
on holy ground.
May we remember that all ground is holy ground,
for You are in all times and places—
calling us to our lives each moment. Amen.**

Introduction to Scripture *Rev. Cynthia*

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Sermon “Living in Harmony”
 With some discussion

Hymn # 490 “The Servant Song”

Words: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.; Music: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. A Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav’lers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we’ve known together of great love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, sister, let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Prayers of the People

Sharing of 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

***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**

Gracious God,
You have done marvelous things,
wondrous works for us
and for all Your people.
May we make Your deeds known—
Your miracles told and Your glory sung
in our prayer and praise.
May Your blessings flow through our lives
and into the world. AMEN

***Benediction**

***Response # 445 "Go in Peace"**

Words: Barber I. Waters, 1982; Music: Kenneth E. White, 1982

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:45 am, Coffee Hour / Deacons Meeting

Tuesday – September 1 - Tuesday Gals at 10am / History Team at 2 p.m.

Wednesday –Choir at 6:30 pm

The Church will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY, September 20, with potluck lunch following the service. Invite a friend!

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;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., George D. (Leah D.'s brother), Sandra and Vince G., Samuel N., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., and James S. (Amanda S.'s husband)

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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