

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
“Where No One Is a Stranger”  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(read responsively)

One: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

Many: **It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.**

One: Together, let us worship God.

**\*OPENING SONG**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#507

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(prayed together)

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it. The wind and the sea obey your Son. You are the source of our strength and our confidence is in you. All praise be to you, our stronghold and savior. Amen

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG AT HEART**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(prayed together)

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**SILENCE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

(read responsively)

One: Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

Many: **Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Amen!**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 4: 35-41

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(read together)

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people.

We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us; he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love.

We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

#734

**FOCUS SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 6:1-5

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**MESSAGE:**

“What’s a Person To Do?”

David Skilling

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**AFFIRMING OUR GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Words #44

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(prayed together)

We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING SONG**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

#405

**GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

The Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance, and Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) are from The Affirmation of Faith. The Liturgy is from *Feasting on the Word-Worship Companion*, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

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Organist: Liz Reynolds  
Lector: David Burrow  
Worship Leader: Dave Skilling  
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June Radio Sponsor: Scott and Sandy Buchanan

Birthdays: 6-21: Meredith Hines, 6-26: Corbin Habeger

Today, June 20: 10:00 am. – Worship

Monday -Friday: Delivery of Meals on Wheels

Next Sunday, June 6: 10:00 am. – Worship

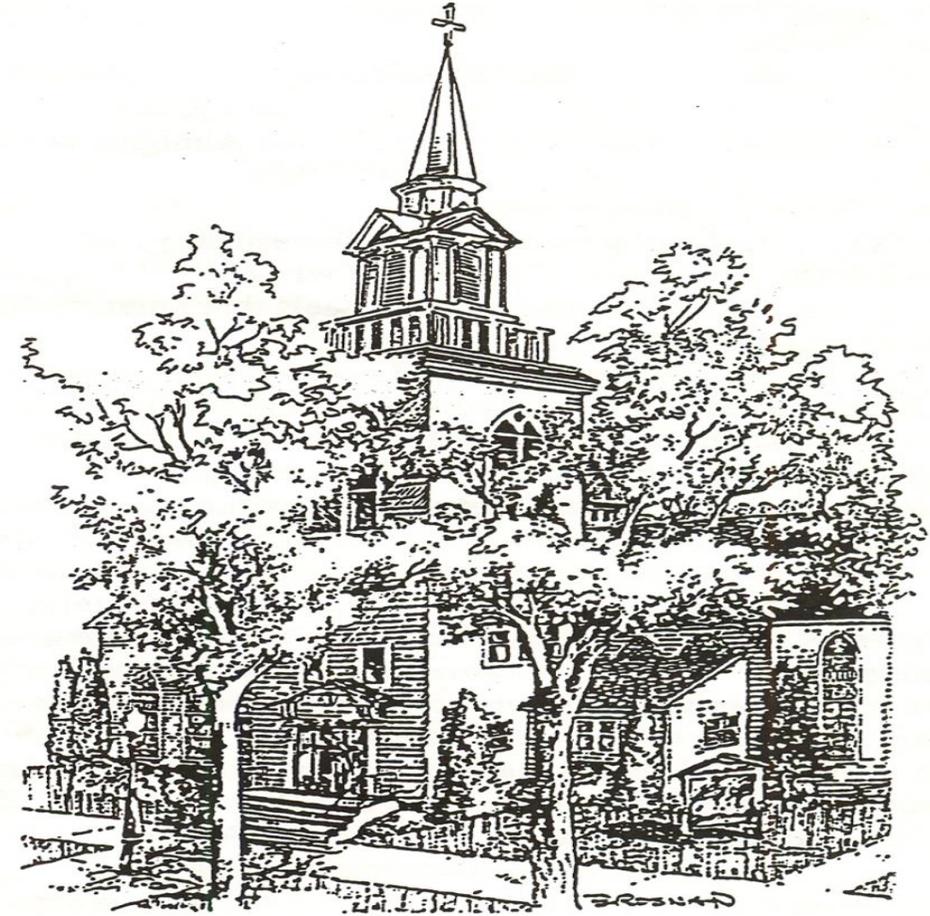
Our Church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels from June 16-30. Thank you to everyone who signed up!

The June, July and August Our Daily Bread is here and in the Fellowship entry.

Thank you to Dave Skilling for leading worship for us today!

Thank you to Shelly TerHark for helping out in the office.

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