

First Congregational United Church of Christ
“Where No One Is A Stranger”
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

Many: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

Many: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

Many: We have come to taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!

*Opening Song:

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#87

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and holy God, we admit that it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips, than praise for another. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and hunger of the suffering who are around us. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope.

We are not people who repent in ashes and dust, but we do know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness, our fears, our hurts. Healer of all people, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus, our Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name.

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Take heart: God hears your prayers. Get up: God has healed your brokenness. Listen: God calls to you with hope, with forgiveness, with life.

Many: Now, our eyes are opened and we can see; now, our ears are opened and we can hear; now, we can follow Jesus into the kingdom. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 10:46-52

*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:

“Glory Be to the Father”

#734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

read from the New International Version

MESSAGE:

“I See”

Pastor Chris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY:

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #480

***Going Forth with the Peace of Christ**

POSTLUDE

***Indicates all who are able please stand**

Other Lectionary Scripture Readings: Mark 10:13-21, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17

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Organist:	Antonia Rupert
Worship Leader:	David Burrow
Pastor:	Rev. Chris Burtnett
October Radio Sponsor:	Larry and Sandy Person

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Birthdays: October 30-Antonia Rupert

Sunday, October 27: 10:30am – Worship
Sunday School
Coffee

Tuesday, October 29: 9:30am- Pastor at Feed Mill

Thursday, October 31: 5:30-7pm Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 3: 10:30am – Worship- Communion
Sunday School
Coffee
Food Pantry



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