

First Congregational United Church of Christ
"Where No One Is A Stranger"
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

Many: Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.

One: Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

Many: Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.

One: Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

Many: The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation. Praise God!

One: Let's worship God.

*Opening Song:

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#96

*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone - even You - more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus, our Savior.

A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; in God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, sent forth - we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

inside back cover of hymnal

(read together)

*GLORIA PATRI

#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

Psalms 146:1-10

read from the *Good News Bible*

MESSAGE:

"A Matter of Trust"

Pastor Chris

Communion Song:

"I Come with Joy"

#706

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation, Communion Prayer, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Consecration Prayer, Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors), Sharing the Bread and Cup

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#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**

Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

***Closing Song:**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#56

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

POSTLUDE

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

Other Lectionary Scripture Readings: Ruth 1:1-18, Hebrews 9:11-14

The Call to Worship (adapted), Opening Prayer, and Offering Prayer of Dedication, are by Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. From *Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), and Words of Assurance (adapted) are from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom M. Shuman. The Affirmation of Faith is a version of our United Church of Christ Statement of Faith, The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving is by Michelle L. Torigian.

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Worship Leader:	Pastor Chris Burtnett
Lector:	David Burrow
Organist:	Antonia Rupert
November Radio Sponsor:	Scott and Sandy Buchanan

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Birthdays: November: 2-Don Marine; 4 Christine (Burtnett) Wile

Sunday, November 3: 10:30am – Worship – Sacrament of Communion

Sunday School

Coffee

Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 5: 9:30am. - Pastor at Feed Mill

2-2:30pm.- Good Sam Bible Study

Sunday, November 10: 10:30am – Worship

Sunday School

Coffee

Congregational Budget Meeting, following Worship

Future for First - ASK Meeting, following Budget Meeting

It is time to think about ordering Poinsettia's. We are waiting for prices. Ordering deadline probably be around November 11.



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