

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
A United Church of Christ Congregation

August 5, 2018

**Call to Worship**

**One:** In beauty and mystery,

**All:** we see the face of God.

**One:** In the common and ordinary,

**All:** we know the love of Christ.

**One:** In the bread and the cup,

**All:** we taste the presence of God.

**One:** In song and in prayer,

**All:** we raise our praises and thanksgivings. Come, let us worship!

**Hymn 102**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**CWM RHONDDA**

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; lead me on through death's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, you sent your Son to be the bread of life—the staple of our life's diet—but often we seek to satisfy our deep hunger with unfulfilling relationships and things. Forgive us for the impoverished diet we feed our souls. Help us to taste the sweet fruits of your love this day, that our hearts may hunger for you alone. Hear us pray... (*moments for silent reflection*)

## Words of Assurance

Anthem

Peace I Leave with You

J. Varley Roberts

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 420

In the Morning When I Rise

GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; you can have all the rest, give me Jesus.

At midnight when I cry, at midnight when I cry, at midnight when I cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; you can have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; you can have all the rest, give me Jesus.

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; you can have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**Offertory**

*based on Liebestraum by Franz Lizst*

**O Sunlit Shores**

**Doxology**

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lesson**

**John 6:24-35**

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Jeanette Brodersen**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let yours hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

**Benediction**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude**