

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, September 30, 2018

Prelude J. S. Bach
Fugue in A minor, BWV 543b

Welcome
Introit Enter His Gates T. M. Scott
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship adapted from E. Rice
Leader: Beloved in Christ — arise.
Arise and lift your hearts.
Arise and lift your eyes.
Arise and lift your voices.
**People: The living God,
the living, moving Spirit of God
has called us together —
in witness, in celebration, in struggle.**
Leader: We come in thanksgiving and praise.
People: We come to worship God!

Hymn 415 SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when
we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and
in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good
works of service are for offering. When we are giving,
or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to
God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sens-
ing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or
sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who
are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help
them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we be-
long to God.

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. Mat God's
full mercies bless you, my friends, in all your living,
and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ
be your shalom.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your
presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness of
our concern, the denial of our common humanity. We
live as divided people, clinging too often to the values
of a broken and distrustful world. We seek your reas-
surance and your forgiveness. Hear our prayers...
(*moments for silent reflections*)

Anthem Lord, Lord T. M. Scott

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer
Dee Buchanan
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 436 CLOSER WALK
I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all
wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk
close to thee. Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Je-
sus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee; let it be,

dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter,
Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Just a closer
walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walk-
ing close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no
more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear
Lord, to thy shore. Just a closer walk with thee, grant
it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee; let it
be, dear Lord, let it be.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Psalm 100 H. W. Zimmerman

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings 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 Mark 7:24-37
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Jeanette Brodersen

Hymn 220 MERCY
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what
thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire di-
vine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

H. Willan

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