

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, October 14, 2018

Prelude Voluntary in G Major H. Purcell

Welcome

Introit Handbell Introit T. M. Scott
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship based on Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

Hymn 65 IN BABILONE
O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heavens with stars; thy fingers spread the mountains and plains. Lo, at thy word the waters are formed; deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one; come unto us and dwell with us; with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we pray for your forgiveness this day. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking the spotlight rather than being humble, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Hear our prayers...

(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem Chorus G. F. Handel

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 405 GATESCARTH
Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart and a discerning mind; give, as I play the Christian's part, the strength to finish what I start and act on what I find.

When, in the rush of days, my will is habit bound and slow, help me to keep in vision still what love and power and peace can fill a life that trusts in you.

By your divine and urgent claim, and by your human face, kindle our sinking hearts to flame, and as you teach the world your name let it become your place.

Jesus, with all your church I long to see your kingdom come; show me your way of righting wrong and turning sorrow into song until you bring me home.

Offertory March G. F. Handel

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 10:17-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Hymn 404 BEECHER
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful; mercies crown; Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest; take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we

take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude Toccata in B Minor J. Pachelbel