

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, October 21, 2018

Prelude F. Peeters
Come, Oh Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Welcome

Introit arr. W. Appling
We Shall Walk Through the Valley
Memorial Choir

Call to Worship J. Jensen

Leader: Christ calls us,

People: not to power, but to servanthood.

Leader: Christ calls us,

People: not to shun, but to include.

Leader: Christ calls us,

People: not to deny him, but to proclaim him.

Leader: Christ calls us,

People: Christ calls us to come and follow him.

Here, we come together and worship the Lord.

Hymn 529 ASH GROVE
Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the

ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God with us, when we privilege our own agendas, hurt others in the effort to impose our will, or chain ourselves to our fears, tumble us off the throne of our pride. Release us into finding our worth in your love. Have mercy on us.

Call us to follow Christ once again. Hear us pray...
(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem N. Dello Joio
Prayers of Cardinal Newman

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 95 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall dwell with God forevermore, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Benediction J. N. Beck

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 10:35-45
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Reception of New Members

Covenant of First Congregational: In the presence of God and these witnesses, I give myself unreservedly to God's service, and take this to be my Church. Ever mindful of the welfare of my fellow members, I promise to walk with them in faithful-

ness and Christian love. And I promise that so far as able, I will attend the services of this Church, observe its sacraments, share in its work, support and benevolence, and endeavor to make it a fruitful body of Christians.

Hymn 485 BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR
Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert, and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless all of us, your pilgrims, who share this winding way, whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound. Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow. But waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Benediction

Choral Benediction J. E. Moore, Jr.
An Irish Blessing

Passing of the Peace

Postlude F. Peeters
Our Father, Thou In Heaven Above