

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Prelude Georg Böhm
Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

Welcome

Choral Introit

Call to Worship attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

People: Where there is injury, pardon;

Leader: Where there is doubt, faith;

People: Where there is despair, hope;

Leader: Where there is darkness, light;

People: And where there is sadness, joy.

Leader: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much

seek to be consoled as to console;

People: To be understood, as to understand;

Leader: To be loved, as to love;

People: For it is in giving that we receive,

Leader: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

People: And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Hymn 503 BEACH SPRING
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed, we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still

in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of peace, forgive us when we have participated in that which turns people against each other; for fueling anger and harboring vengeance, for not heeding your call to love one another. Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers us, and the courage to see past war and desolation and live for the day when it will be peace. Hear our prayers... (*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem Elegy D. Elder

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 in-

to temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 403 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory G. P. Palestrina

Sicut Cervus

*As a deer longs for flowing waters,
so my heart longs for you, O Lord. (Ps. 42:1)*

