

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, November 4, 2018

Prelude

We invite and encourage you to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died, whether in the last year or several years ago. Please place your candle near the center of the bowl to make room for later candles that will be lit.

Welcome

Choral Introit L. Mason
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Men's Ensemble

Call to Worship adapted from T. Shuman

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made:

**People: a day for praise and prayer;
a day for remembrance and gratitude.**

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

**People: a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

**People: a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

Hymn 486 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee
by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Je-
sus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alle-
luia! Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the
saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the
victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly
struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for
all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals
on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are
brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
adapted from J. Grant & M. Tirabassi

**Gentle God, we bring before you our burdens, our
long-standing misgivings about ourselves, and our
need for reconciliation. You know how we have failed
to walk in your path. Our thoughts, words, and deeds
have been barriers to your love, and we have not been
willing to reach across them. Help us to look honestly
at ourselves. Hear us pray...**

(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh
Heav'n, Heav'n

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

Hymn 422 Have Faith in God SOUTHWELL

**Have faith in God, my heart; trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part each promise that was
made.**

**Have faith in God, my mind, although your light
burns low; God's mercy holds a wiser plan than you
can fully know.**

**Have faith in God, my soul; the cross forever stands
and neither life nor death can pluck us children from
God's hands.**

**Lord Jesus, make me whole; grant me no resting
place, until I rest, heart, mind and soul, the captive of
your grace.**

Offertory revivalist song, arr. A. Copland
Zion's Walls

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 12: 28-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Tolling of the Bell Joyce Ruther
Senior Deaconess

Sacrament of Holy Communion

arr. T. M. Scott

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

Everyone is welcome to share in this meal.

Please serve one another the gluten free, tree nut and peanut free bread, and eat as you are served symbolizing your individual need for Christ.

Hold the cup of juice until all are served, that we may express our unity in Christ by drinking together.

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.

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 in 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 sensing 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 belong to God.

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

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude