

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, January 20, 2019

Prelude Folk-song C. A. Gibbs

Welcome

Introit The Love Round anonymous
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship R. Duck

Leader: God has made this day.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

People: Praise be to God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness!

Hymn 122 FOREST GREEN
Now Bless the God of Israel

Now bless the God of Israel, who comes in love and power, who raises from the royal house deliverance in this hour. Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm, to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear, that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year; and you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy, that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high, our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of promise and hope, you call us to trust in your way and set before us paths of faithfulness. Sometimes we hesitate to follow you and to make changes in our lives. Sometimes our priorities and commitments reflect personal interests more than your desire for our lives and the world. Free us, O God, that we might be faithful to you in the name of Christ, we pray ...

(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem D. Grotenhuis
See That You Love One Another

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 FINLANDIA
Be Still, My Soul

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 that 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 J. Larson
Seasons of Love from *Rent*

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 Luke 4:16-30
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Jeanette Brodersen

Hymn David Haas
We Are Called

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love

tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk
humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all
those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-
less so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love
tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk
humbly with God!

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when
all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with
each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

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tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk
humbly with God!

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Jules Massenet

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