

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Prelude A. D. Miller
Chorale Prelude on Fairest Lord Jesus

Welcome

Introit A. Grant/M. W. Smith
Thy Word
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship S. Fearing

One: Come, children of God,
and be welcomed here as you are.

All: We gather in this place to worship God.

One: Come, children of God, and be fed at the
Lord's Table.

**All: We come to receive what we need
for the journey ahead.**

One: Come, children of God,
and let us find the fuel for our faith.

**All: We come to the Table to receive God's blessing
and share it with others.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 295 MUNICH
O Christ, the Word Incarnate

O Christ, the Word incarnate, O wisdom from on
high, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our
dark sky, we praise you for the radiance that from the
hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on
from age to age.

Your people hold this treasure from you, its source di-
vine, a light that to all ages throughout the earth will
shine. It is the chart and compass that all life's voy-

age through, mid mists and rocks and tempest, still
guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished
gold, to bear before the nations your true light as of
old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path
to trace, till, cloud and darkness ended, they see you
face to face.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) B. M. Neel
Forgive us, O God, when we limit you, when we re-
make you in our image, when we claim our causes
as your own. Forgive us when we box you in and ex-
plain you away, and in our attempts at understand-
ing, whittle away all mystery. Forgive us for our hu-
man impulses and change us. Shower us with grace
so that we will be made new, recreated in your im-
age, grateful for all that we cannot know. In the
name of Christ, who brings us closer to
you, we pray ... (*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem T. Atwood
Teach Me, O Lord

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 294 BREAD OF LIFE
Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou
didst break the loaves beside the sea; beyond the
sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit longs for
thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou
didst bless the bread by Galilee; then shall all bond-
age cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace,
my all in all.

Offertory W. Dawson
Ain't-a That Good News!

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 John 1:1-5
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley
with Dennis Barlow and the Chancel Choir

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All Who Hunger S. G. Dustan

*Everyone is welcome to share in this meal.
Please serve one another the gluten free, tree nut and pea-
nut 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 to-
gether.*

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 296 YISRAEL V'ORAITA
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O faithful people, God now speaks to you. God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear; they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. *Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J. S. Bach