

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, March 24, 2019

Prelude W.A. Mozart, arr. Biggs
Prelude on *Ave Verum Corpus*

Welcome

Introit T. M. Scott
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship D. Commerford

One: Return to the Lord your God,
All: for God is gracious.
One: Confess to the Lord your God,
All: for God is merciful.
One: Repent to the Lord your God,
All: for God is slow to anger.
One: Praise the Lord your God,
All: for God abounds in steadfast love.
One: Worship the Lord your God.
All: Together, let us worship God.

Hymn 26 LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
Sing, my soul, praising the source of thy health and
salvation! All ye who hear, now to God's temple
draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth, shelters thee underneath wings, yea, so gen-

tly sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er
have been granted in what God ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and de-
 fend thee; surely great goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
All that hath life and breath, sing out thy heart's jubi-
lation! Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
joining in glad adoration.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

In you, O God, we find the way to a life well-lived.
Yet, we admit we stray from that path. You call us to
serve in love, but we'd rather find ways to serve our-
selves. You invite us to find relationship and con-
nection in faith, opening ourselves to fellow jour-
neyers, but we sometimes veer off the path in fear,
pride, or an inflated sense of self-sufficiency.
In Jesus, you show us how to tell of your good
news, but too often we become timid-reluctant to
share how you bring us life. Forgive us, Gracious
One. Help us return to your path of life, to seek the
good you offer each and all. Hear us pray...

(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem Southern Folk Hymn, arr. T. M. Scott
Wondrous Love

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Katie Morgan

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.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30) Lucas Ezra Bailey
Congregational Response: With joy we welcome
you into this church. Your baptism is not the end
but the beginning of a journey of discovering just
how much God loves you. This is our blessing to
you: "Grow in grace and wisdom and do not fear,
for the Lord is with you. Do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God."

Hymn 304 GALILEE
Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, rest-
less sea; day by day his voice still calls us, saying,
"Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean
lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving
all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's
golden store, from each idol that would keep us, say-
ing, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours
of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by your mercies, Savior, may we hear
your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and
love you best of all.

Pastoral Prayer

