

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Introit African-American spiritual
This Little Light of Mine

Call to Worship based on Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

Hymn 63 ROYAL OAK

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*) adapted from T. Shuman

It is never easy, O God, to confess our sins to you.

When we have a chance to speak up for the outsider, we too often stay silent. When we could share good news to a needy world, our voices drop to a whisper.

When we could abound in grace, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing. Forgive us. Have mercy on us. Hear us pray... (*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

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

Children's Musical *Go and Tell* John Horman

Offertory

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 24:28-35

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 355

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Verses 1, 3, 5

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude