

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Prelude D. Buxtehude
Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Welcome

Call to Worship adapted from M. Tirabassi

Leader: We gather together in thanksgiving to God.

People: For God pours blessing upon blessing upon our lives.

Leader: We gather together in gratitude for each other.

People: For we are bearers of God's blessings and love to others.

Leader: We gather together praising God with hearts and hands and voices.

People: Praise be to the Holy One!

Hymn 17 LAUDATE DOMINUM
Sing Praises to God!

Sing praises to God! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, blest angels of light; high heavens, recalling by whom you were made, come, offer your worship in brightness arrayed.

Sing praises to God! Sing praise upon earth, in tune-ful accord, you saints of new birth; praise God, who has brought you rich grace from above, and showered your life with abundance of love.

Sing praises to God, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, your glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song be ever

out-poured, all ages along; for love in creation, for hope spread abroad, for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we often find ourselves distracted by a legion of destructive voices that make false promises. We believe safety and security can reside in ample bank accounts. We think that success leads to real happiness. We equate power with dominating others. We hold fast to pain and anger as if they were treasure in a chest. We soothe our fear of failure with habits that do harm. Forgive us, O God. Tune our hearts to your voice, the one true voice that leads to meaningful life. Hear us pray ...
(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem God is my Shepherd A. Dvorak
Charlotte Plank - soprano

Children's Message Caitlyn Menolasino

Children's Message 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.

Sacrament of Baptism (9:00) Kathryn Ann Zeleznikar

Congregational Response: With joy we welcome you into the 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 216 LANCASHIRE

The Day of Resurrection!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright our Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light; And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail," and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the world resound in triumph, and all that is there in; Let all things seen unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory G.W. Brown

Cast Your Bread Upon the Water

Thomas M. Scott - baritone

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 8:26-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Hymn 474

FESTAL SONG

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long. Bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait, with strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.

Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod; come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Nicaea

C. Tambling