

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship adapted from T. Shuman

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

People: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

People: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Leader: Blessed is God, who gives us grace to share abundantly.

People: Blessed is God, who we worship with hearts and hands and voices.

Hymn 444

SLANE

Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) M. C. Tirabassi

O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have held prejudices against people. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross...

(*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem

G. F. Handel

Allegro from Sonata in F Major, Op. 1 #11

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Caitlyn Menolasino

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 460

NEIGHBOR

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor"

They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love; for whom should I do a good deed?" Then Jesus related a story and said, "It's anyone who has a need, yes, anyone who has a need."

There once was a traveler set on by thieves who beat him and left him to die; a priest and a Levite each saw him in pain; but they turned away and walked by, yes, they turned away and walked by.

A certain Samaritan then came along to bind up his wounds and give aid; he took him to stay at an inn until well, and for all the service he paid, yes, for all the service he paid.

I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love, for whom I should do a good deed; for Jesus made clear in the story he told, it's anyone who has a need, yes, anyone who has a need.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

J. S. Bach

Air from Suite #3 in D Major

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jeanette Brodersen

Hymn 352

OLD 124th

Go Forth for God

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we behold God's face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love, strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our ev'ry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude