

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship adapted from T. Shuman

Leader: On this day, we gather with thanksgiving
in our hearts.

People: For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

Leader: On this day, we praise God for all
that is good.

People: Grace upon grace has been poured
into our lives.

Leader: On this day, we speak of God's Good News.

People: Let us sing glad songs for all that
God has done.

Hymn 29 MARION

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

Rejoice, O pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, your praise to Christ
now bring. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and
sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and
spirits meek, raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, rejoice, re-
joice, give thanks and sing.

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging
praise, send forth the hymns the saints have loved,
the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as you
go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness

and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and
sing.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) A. Shirey
Teacher God, we offer to you the confession of busy-
ness. Too often we have substituted serving for
learning, acting for being. We have forgotten to be-
friend the silence of our souls, to soak in the power
of your love, to receive the blessings of creation.
Help us to find balance, O God, between giving and
receiving, between doing the Word and inhabiting
the Word. Help us to know when our place is in the
kitchen and when it is at your feet. In Christ's name,
we pray...

(*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem G. F. Handel

Behold, I Tell You a Mystery
The Trumpet Shall Sound
from the Messiah
John McDonald, bass

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

Hymn 403 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my
heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In
my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my
heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In
my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my
heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in
my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart,
in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory J. J. Niles

The Flower of Jesse
Bill Oldham, 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 10:38-42**

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon**Steve Hockstra****Hymn 594****OLIVET**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting
heart, my zeal inspire; as Thou has died for me, O
may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me
spread, Be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from
Thee aside.**

**When ends life's passing dream, when death's cold,
threatening stream shall o'er me roll,**

**Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O lift me safe**

above, A ransomed soul!

Benediction**Passing of the Peace****Postlude**