

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

B. Merrill Neel

Leader: It is a good day to be here.

People: It is a good day to tell stories.

Leader: It is a good day to give thanks.

People: It is a good day to ask for help.

Leader: It is a good day to be in community.

People: It is a good day to worship God.

Hymn 251

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Come, Let Us Sing Our Praises to God

Come, let us sing our praises to our God. Come, let us sing our praises to our God. Let us sing and praise our God together. Let us sing and praise our God together.

Come, let us sing our love and thanks to God. Come, let us sing our love and thanks to God. Let us sing our love and thanks together. Let us sing our love and thanks together.

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together. Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' life poured let us drink together. Jesus' life poured let us drink together.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts

and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray...

*(moments for silent reflections)*

Words of Assurance

Anthem

J. S. Bach (from Cantata #68)

*Mein gläubiges Herze*

*My faithful heart, delight, sing, play, your Jesus is here!*

*Away with sorrow, away with lamenting,*

*I will only say to you: my Jesus is near.*

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.

Hymn 437

PENITENT

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not me sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. It's me, It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. It's me, It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. It's me, It's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Offertory

G. F. Händel (from *Messiah*)

He Shall Feed His Flock

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  
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Luke 14:1, 7-

Sermon  
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Steve Hock-

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Now the Silence

Vajda/Schalk

*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 107

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.**

**O martyrs, prophets, seers of old, who from God's altar call, extol the Savior you foretold, and crown him Lord of all. Extol the Savior you foretold, and crown him Lord of all.**

**All heirs of Israel's faithful race, who heed the Gospel's call, proclaim the wonder of Christ's grace, and crown him Lord of all. Proclaim the wonder of Christ's grace, and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.**

**Before his cross, with heaven's throng, we on our knees shall fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.**

## Benediction

## Passing of the Peace

## Postlude