

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

Prelude Voluntary in G Major H. Purcell

Welcome

Introit Dona Nobis Pacem Traditional  
*Grant us peace*

Call to Worship Jeremiah 31

One: The Holy One is making a new covenant  
with the people of God.

All: **Here in this place,**  
**Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**

One: We are children of the living God.

All: **Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!**

Hymn 417 MICHAEL

All My Hope on God Is Founded

All my hope on God is founded, who does all my  
trust renew. Safe through change and chance God  
guides me, only good and only true. God unknown,  
One alone seeks to claim my heart as home.

Day by day the almighty giver bounteous gifts on us  
bestows; with delight our souls are nourished, pleas-  
ure leads us where we go. Love does stand at God's  
hand; joy awaits each new commend.

Still from earth to God eternal hymns of grateful  
praise be sung, high above all praises praising for the  
gift of Christ the Son. Hear Christ's call one and all;  
those who follow shall not fall.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) T. Shuman

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we  
might be reformed, but we are intent on changing

others. Your words are offered to us so we might be  
transformed, but we are focused too often on con-  
forming to our culture. Your words are spoken to  
lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight  
to our chests. Forgive us, O God. Do not remember  
our sins, but continue to touch us with your stead-  
fast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living  
out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offer-  
ing us your grace and life in Jesus Christ. Hear our  
prayers... *(moments for silent reflections)*

Words of Assurance

Anthem Joyfully Sing! L. Steen Spevacek

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer Dee Buchanan  
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 glo-  
ry forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

Lila Edith Thews Baldrige

Sung Response: Jesus Loves Me JESUS LOVES ME  
*Angel Choir (PreS-K)*

Congregational Response: With joy we welcome  
you into this 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 465

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of ser-  
vice free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of  
toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to  
stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer  
company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's  
broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory H. Schuetz, ed. U. S. Leupold  
One Thing I Have Desired

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 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray al-  
ways and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there  
was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for peo-  
ple. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him  
and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a

*while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"* <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Sermon**

**Jeanette Brodersen**

**Hymn 477**

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure the children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your heav'nly goal, lest we miss your heav'nly goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

**Benediction**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude**

D. Buxtehude

Fugue in C Major "Jig Fugue"