

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, November 3, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Introit R. Berthier (Taizé)
Jesus, Remember Me
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship adapted from T. Shuman

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made:

**People: a day for praise and prayer;
a day for remembrance and gratitude.**

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

**People: a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

**People: a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

Hymn 486 SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee
by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Je-
sus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alle-
luia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as
the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with
them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly

struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for
all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals
on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are
brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
adapted from Grant & Tirabassi

Gentle God, we bring before you our burdens, our
long-standing misgivings about ourselves, and our
need for reconciliation. You know how we have
failed to walk in your path. Our thoughts, words,
and deeds have been barriers to your love, and we
have not been willing to reach across them. Help us
to look honestly at ourselves.

Hear us pray...(*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem spiritual, arr. N. Luboff
Deep River

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 glo-
ry forever. Amen.

Hymn 487 EVENTIDE
Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness
deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers
fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide
with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys
grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in
all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with
me.

I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy
grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself
my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sun-
shine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no
weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's
sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if
thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine
through the gloom and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Offertory T. Atwood
Teach Me, O Lord

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 6:27-31

Sermon Peter Wiley

Tolling of the Bell Mary Marshall
Senior Deaconess

Sacrament of Holy Communion

On Eagle's Wings M. Joncas

Everyone is welcome to share in this meal.

*Please serve one another the gluten free, tree nut and pea-
nut 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 to-
gether.*

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 415

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those

who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends, in all your living, and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Service Notes:

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