

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, November 10, 2019

Prelude J. Cruger
Auf, auf, mein Herz, mit Freuden

Welcome

Introit

Call to Worship Prayer of Saint Francis
Leader: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
People: Where there is injury, pardon;
Leader: Where there is doubt, faith;
People: Where there is despair, hope;
Leader: Where there is darkness, light;
People: And where there is sadness, joy.
Leader: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
People: To be understood, as to understand;
Leader: To be loved, as to love;
People: For it is in giving that we receive,
Leader: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
People: And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen

Hymn 537 NATIONAL HYMN
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on life's toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)
God of peace, forgive us when we have participated in that which turns people against each other; for fueling anger and harboring vengeance, for not heeding your call to love one another. Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers us, and the courage to see past war and desolation and live for the day when it will be peace. Hear our prayers... (*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem LAUDES DOMINI, arr. J. Behnke
When Morning Gilds the Skies

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 glory forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30) Julia Rose Patterson
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 431 TOPLADY
Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Noting in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; sinful, to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee!

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory THAXTED, arr. L. Afdahl
O God Beyond All Praising

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 Isaiah 58:9b-14

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Sermon Peter Wiley

Honoring Our Veterans

Hymn 238 AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our

Lord; we are his new creation by water and the word; from heaven he came and sought us, for us was crucified; with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth, one holy name professing, we share one holy food, and to one hope still pressing, with every grace endowed.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-one, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude I. Dearnaley
Fughetta and Canon on "Aurelia"