

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, February 2, 2020

Prelude *Fiesta* E.L. Diemer

Welcome

Bringing in the Light of Christ & the Word of God

9:00 Kyle Haluch, Tyler Barden & Bryson Barden

10:30 Fisher Knapp, Vivi Baylor & Brooklyn Lopick

Choral Introit Praise We the Lord R. Hasilton
Men's Ensemble

Call to Worship

One: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great —

All: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

One: Let us worship God today, for God is good -

All: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

One: Let us worship God today —

All: Because we are God's people.

One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 39 AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

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 On the Willows S. Schwartz
from Godspell

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 464 VIENNA

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Celebrating the Scouts

Offertory *Panis Angelicus* G.P. Palestrina
Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today;
The Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away;
O wondrous gift indeed!

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 **Matthew 5:1-12**

⁵When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Peter Wiley

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Blest Are They BLEST ARE THEY

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

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 469

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper strong a mid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side,

the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name. From age to age the same, and he must win the battle. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us. The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure: one little word shall fell them.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, God's kingdom is forever.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Sortie

C. Frank

Service Notes:

Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession posted on Hold Fast to What Is Good, the Rev. Beth Merrill Neel.

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