

Welcome to First Congregational Church



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergency Bucket Challenge Item for September

Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical.) Durable for multiple-use. Please drop them off in the Chapel by September 30th.



Pot Luck Luncheon

**Regathering Sunday on September 8.
In Hanna Hall
following worship.**

Please remember to vote in the state primary on September 10th.

Pastor Emilia's Sabbatical - She will be on Sabbatical from July 1st until September 30th, returning to the office on October 1st. In August and September she will be crossing the "pond" to visit St. Julian of Norich's anchorage, to spend a week following C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien in Oxford, and a month tracing her Cornish ancestral roots in Cornwall.

If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the church office.

Let us hear now from the New Testament
New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:8
(The Living Bible)

Tim Wildman

For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it!

Here ends the Lesson

Amen

SERMON "Sunrises assure us of the presence of The Divine in our day"
Rev. Renee Rouse

PAUSING FOR MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SONG #451 Be Now My Vision

Be Now My Vision, Byrne/Hull/Evans

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Creator God, Holy is Your 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Amen: #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful [Refrain]

Text: 76 76 with refrain; Cecil Francis H. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt. Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958.

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**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
our dear God made them all.**

Offertory

Invitation

GRATITUDE MUSIC

I Need You Every Hour
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Annie Papinsick

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy one, blessed are you, who entrust to our care and use the richness of creation. Through our tithes and offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission to which you have called us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION HYMN #330

Let us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread Together, James Abbington

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A SUNG COMMUNION LITURGY

“THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD”

Contributors: Marty Haugen

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**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.**

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN #474

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (Public Domain)

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me,
singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God is Truly With Us
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