

The First Congregational Church

October 3, 2021

Kent, Connecticut

10:00 AM

*A Community of Faith, Service and Love
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: It is good to give praise to the Lord, to sing praise to the Most High.

People: To declare God's faithfulness in the morning, and God's steadfast love in the evening.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN #87

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm our hearts, so that we may love others as ourselves and serve them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (#734)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Preface

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, as we gather around your holy table and celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name . . .

The Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

All: We give you thanks, O Lord, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Send us into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to love others as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN #337 (insert/last page) *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

PRAYER REQUESTS PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #321 *At the Name of Jesus*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of Glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him, there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your sovereign in temptation's hour,
Let his will enfold you in its mighty power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
With the Father's glory, when he comes to reign.
For all earthly powers soon to him must bow,
So let us confess him King of glory now.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #716

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ministers: Community of Faith
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt
Organist: John Paul Zurlo
Soloist: Veralyn Davee
Video Team: Bethany Keck and Bill Dahl
Deacon of the Month: Carol Kallstrom

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet.

Prayer List:

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital staff, all those with COVID 19 and their families, Peggy, Eric, Scott, Darrell, Barbie, Liz, Janeice.

OFFERING

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

Matt. 18:20

Unison

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

British hymnal editor Percy Dearmer originally wrote these stanzas under a pseudonym as part of a postcommunion hymn by George H. Bourne. The tune was adapted from an anthem by Harold Friedell and is named for Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Tune: UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.
 Harold Friedell, 1957
 Adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

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