

**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 11, 2021**

RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL GO BEFORE HIM,  
AND WILL MAKE A PATH FOR HIS STEPS.



*The Spirit of God makes us one in Christ.*

*\*stand in body or spirit*

## **Preparing for the Word**

### **PRELUDE**

### **BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak.

**For God will speak of peace to his people.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; and

**Righteousness and peace will greet each other.**

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

**God will give what is good.**

Righteousness will go before God and will make a path.

Let us worship this wonderful God.

*(Based on Psalm 85)*

### **\* OPENING HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* #418

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and show us the path to what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Listening for the Word**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

First Reading	Psalm 85:8-13	p. 473
Second Reading	Mark 6:14-29	p. 817-18

*Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**      *Following Jesus Isn't Easy*

**\* HYMN**      *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty*      #251

## **Responding to the Word**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

**O God, Loving Creator, Giver of all good gifts, bless our church, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit for faithful stewardship, so that we may give generously of our resources to spread the Good News with our words, our deeds and our gifts. Amen.**

### The Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table *(responsive)*

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another.

**We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The bread that is broken restores us to wholeness; the cup poured out brings new life.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



## **Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Call to Communion**

## **Sharing the Elements**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*responsive*)

**We thank you, Holy One, for welcoming us to this table. Here we know the presence of Christ and receive all the gifts that you have for us. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another, that we might better show your love as we seek daily to walk the way of Jesus. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TOS #87

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Today, July 11:**

Worship w/Communion 9:30a  
Pastor: Grace Anderson

**Monday, July 12:**

Pr. Grace - 10:00a - 3:00p  
Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

**Tuesday, July 13:**

Pr. Grace - 10:00a - 3:00p  
Bible Study 10:00 am  
Council meeting 7:00p

**Wednesday, July 14**

Pr. Grace - 10:00a - 3:00p

**Thursday, July 15:**

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

**Sunday, July 18:**

Worship 9:30a  
Pastor: Grace Anderson

***Pastoral Care***

Contact Pastor Grace in the event of a pastoral emergency. Contact her at pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com or 651-367-9328

***Prayer Partners***

We pick members and staff to lift in prayer each week, for no reason than praying for one another is a good thing to do.

This week we pray for: Jim and Pat Green; Joe, Stacy, Ella, Samuel, and Thomas Coyle.

***Prayer Chain***

**Morning,** Bonnie Hvistendahl  
263-4120

**Evening,** Mavis Johnson  
263-2857

When you are in need of prayer for yourself or others, please call. Your request will be passed along through the prayer chain.

***Bible Study***

Bible Study is Tuesdays at 10:00 am in person! This week we will be discussing Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.

***Outreach***

We are looking for people who are willing to learn how to record the services. Contact Cindy Mae for more information.



## ***Directory***

If you want a new church directory, either call Kileen at 263-2901, or email at cannonfallsucc@gmail.com.

### ***2021 Ministry Leads***

*Ideas? Questions? Want to Help?  
These are the people to talk to!*

Moderator: **Bill Peterson**

Treasurer: **Jon Sagers**

Historian: **Glenda Cooper**

Head Ushers: **Byron**

**Nowariak &  
Jim Hvistendahl**

Trustees chair: **Roman  
Mercier**

Pastoral Relations co-chairs:  
**Linda Hindal & Patrick  
Hemmah**

Community Churches  
Interaction

Committee representative:  
**Ray Meglic**

Outreach Ministry Lead:  
**Cindy Mae Nelson**

Church Community Ministry:  
**Linda Hindal**

Worship Ministry: **Jacqui  
Broin**

Mission Ministry: **Sandra  
Meglic & Cindy Mae Nelson**

Christian Education Ministry:  
**Pr. Grace Anderson**

*To the people we touch,  
stewardship is no mystery.  
It's simply what we do after  
we say we care.*

Notable Quotes - Stewardship mag.



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**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 am

**Holy Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

**Bible Study:** 10:00 am Tuesdays

**Moderator:** Bill Peterson

**Minister:** Rev. Grace Anderson  
Email: [pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com)

**Church Organist/Choir Director:** Dawn Husmann

**Praise Band:** Karen Nowariak

**Church Secretary:** Kileen Swedenborg  
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**Custodian:** Dick Welch

**Social Media:**

Website: [www.cannonfallsucc.org](http://www.cannonfallsucc.org)

YouTube: [YouTube/cannon falls ucc](https://www.youtube.com/c/cannonfallsucc)

Facebook: [First Congregational Church of Cannon Falls](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofCannonFalls)

**Printed Media:**

If you would like us to mail you "The Good News" newsletter, please contact the office at 507-263-2901