

**First Congregational Church UCC  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18, 2021**



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*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**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,  
which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

God guides us along paths of righteousness

**And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are  
not afraid. The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our  
enemies. There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us  
as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

**Let us worship our comforting and loving God.**

*(Psalm 23, adapted)*

#### **\* OPENING HYMN** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #80 *(Verses 1,2,6)*

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

**Eternal God of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our sisters and brothers as we lift up today in our scripture the oneness in Jesus. We often close our ears to voices of pain when we only hear anger in their voices. We close our minds to the wisdom to those we deem different from us. At times we lack the vision to see that people living differently than us are indeed your beloved as much as we are also called your beloved.**

**Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to embody Christ's love, so that we may worthily be called the Body of Christ. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Listening for the Word**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

First Reading      Ephesians 2:11-22

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Second Reading    Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

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

### **SERMON**

*The Path of Life*

### **\* HYMN**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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## Responding to the Word

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **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.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY** (*unison*)

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

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

**Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church. Thank you, God, for the bounty of your blessings you have poured out upon us. We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in grateful thanksgiving. Consecrate this offering. May it help to support the ministries of this church that will dismantle the walls that divide us so all people will be one in the new family gathered in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*     #228

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



**Today, July 18:**

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Reader: Beth/Jon Sagers

**Monday, July 19:**

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

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

**Tuesday, July 20:**

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

Bible Study 10:00 am

**Wednesday, July 21**

Pr. Grace - 12:00a - 3:00p

5:45 pm Praise Band

**Thursday, July 22:**

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

**Sunday, July 25:**

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Reader: Emily Peterson

***Pastoral Care***

Contact Pastor Grace in the event of an emergency. Contact her on her cell at 651-367-9328 or email - pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com.

***Bible Study***

Bible Study is Tuesdays at 10:00 am in person! This week we will be discussing John 6:1-21.

***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: Nancy Berhow, Jerry and Carole Engel; Angie, Trenton and Alexis Hokanson.

***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.

## ***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 in the church office at 263-2901, or email at cannonfallsucc@gmail.com.

## ***Please Note***

For those who enjoyed the back of the weekly bulletin, there are copies on the table in the Narthex.

## ***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.



**First Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

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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

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

**Praise Band:** Karen Nowariak

**Church Secretary:** Kileen Swedenborg  
Email: cannonfallsucc@gmail.com

**Custodian:** Dick Welch

**Social Media:**

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

YouTube: YouTube/cannon falls ucc

Facebook: First Congregational Church of Cannon Falls

**Printed Media:**

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