

**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 25, 2021**



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

*\*stand in body or spirit*

## **Preparing for the Word**

**PRELUDE**      *Way Maker*

**BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT**      *I Love You Lord*

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

**God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.**

As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine and juice, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

**God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.**

The rich crops that you have prepared will be ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

**Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**      *Way Maker*

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

**Great Provider, we recognize that widespread hunger is no longer necessary.**

**You have given us humans the resources to feed all people, yet we think of scarcity rather than abundance leading us to not share. While we overfill our bellies with food and lay to waste the spaces needed for crops to flourish, others are crying out for crumbs from our tables. Living God, cultivate within our hearts reckless generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul. 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                      Psalm 145:10-18                      Page #506

Gospel                                  John 6:1-21                                  Page #867

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

**SERMON**                      *The Blessing of Abundance*

**\* HYMN**                                  *Jesus Feed 5000*                                  TOS #111

## **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** (*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**

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God!  
(3x)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

*The Blessing*

**POSTLUDE**

*Awesome God*



*God is near to all who call out to Him*

## ***Today, July 25***

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Reader: Emily Peterson

## ***Monday, July 26***

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

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

## ***Tuesday, July 27***

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

Bible Study 10:00 am

## ***Wednesday, July 28***

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

Praise Band 5:45 pm

## ***Thursday, July 29***

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

## ***Sunday, August 1***

Worship 9:30a

w/Communion

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Reader: Julie Woodman

### ***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](mailto:pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com).

## ***Bible Study***

Bible Study is Tuesdays at 10:00 am in person! This week we will be discussing John 6:24-35

### ***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: Megan Sullivan Nerud, Cheri Van Guilder; Cindy, Tyler, and Kaitlyn Koven.

### ***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***

Tuesday August 3rd is

### **National Night Out.**

Outreach is planning a get-together from 5:30 - 7:00 pm on the church lawn.

Refreshments will be served and lawn games available.

Help would be greatly appreciated - contact Cindy Mae or the office.

## ***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**

**First Congregational Church,  
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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.