

**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 8, 2021**

I Am

THE BREAD of Life



John 6:51-58

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

*\*stand in body or spirit*

## **Preparing for the Word**

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,  
and we thirst for you, O God.**

O God, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice  
of our supplications!

**We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,  
and we thirst for you, O God.**

There is forgiveness with you and we wait for you O God, our  
souls wait, for

**We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,  
and we thirst for you, O God.**

In your words we hope. Our souls wait for you, God,  
more than those who watch for the morning:

**We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,  
and we thirst for you, O God.**

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

**Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we often find ourselves captive to sin instead. Reconcile us to you and to all those in your beautiful and wondrous creation. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
Do what thou wouldst do.*

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Listening for the Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

First Reading Psalm 130 p. 500

Second Reading John 6:35, 41-51 p. 868

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

**SERMON**            *Hope in Uncertainty*

\* **HYMN**            *Nearer, My God to Thee (verses 1,3,5)*            #351

**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 here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\***CLOSING HYMN**    *Great is Thy Faithfulness*            TOS #55

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

You satisfy the hungry  
heart with gift of finest  
wheat. Come give to  
us, O saving Lord, the  
bread of life to eat.



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## **Today, August 8**

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Greeter: Jim/Bonnie

Hvistendahl

Reader: Bonnie Hvistendahl

## **Monday, August 9**

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

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

## **Tuesday, August 10**

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

Bible Study 10:00 a

Council Meeting - 7:00p

## **Wednesday, August 11**

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

Praise Band 5:45 p

## **Thursday, August 12**

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

## **Sunday, August 15**

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Greeter: Byron/Karen

Nowariak

Reader: Karen Nowariak

## ***Pastoral Care***

Contact Pastor Grace in the event of an emergency.

Cell: 651-367-9328. Email: pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com.

## ***Bible Study***

Join us for Bible Study each Tuesday at 10:00 am. This week we will be discussing John 6:51-58.

## ***Prayer Partners***

We pick members and staff to lift in prayer each week.

This week we pray for: Bruce and Mavis Johnson, Rodney Lundell, Dick and Ellie Welch.

## ***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.

## ***Women's Coffee***

Join us for Women's Coffee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Until the Bakery reopens, we will meet at the church. Our next gathering is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.



## ***Adult Education***

In August, planning begins for our Sunday Adult Education time. Contact Pr. Grace with any suggestions for content or willingness to lead a session. Our first session will be Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> after Worship. More details to follow.

## ***Calling All Book Lovers!***

So many members love books! Each month, our newsletter will include recommendations of book that speak to our faith and our spirits.

If you have an idea, please contact Ki in the church office, or Pastor Grace.

## ***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**

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**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 am

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

**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