

First Congregational Church UCC
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021



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*)

We worship God who inhabits our world and permeates our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only look around.

Within ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for distant thunder to find God.

We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children.

We need only listen to the questions of the curious or the rhythm of a heartbeat.

We worship God who inhabits our world and who permeates our lives.

*** OPENING HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #353

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, you are our inspiration for all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong and our spirits are enlivened, you are with us. When the burdens of life seem oppressive as hot humid air and our spirits become listless, you are with us. When a sense of calm moves us in the depths of our being, you are with us. And when a turbulence of confusion or pain storms within us, you are still with us.

Forgive us when we neglect to see that you are with us no matter what our lives may feel like or look like. We often try to stubbornly to do this life without you. Sometimes we lock you in the past as if we no longer need you in the present. At other times we put you off until the next day or the next. Gracious God, forgive us, and grant us the wisdom to trust you even when we do not trust ourselves. Through Jesus Christ 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 111 p. 490

Second Reading John 6:51-58 p. 868

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

SERMON *Here again – the Bread*

* **HYMN** *I Need Thee Every Hour* #342

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** *God Will Take Care of You* Insert

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

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May God's bless - ing shine up - on us,

may we go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

A - men, A - men.

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POSTLUDE

Today, August 15

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Greeter: Byron/Karen

Nowariak

Reader: Karen Nowariak

Monday, August 16

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

Tuesday, August 17

Worship Meeting (Zoom)

7:00p

Wednesday, August 18

Praise Band 5:45 p

Thursday, August 19

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

Women's Coffee - 9:30a

Sunday, August 22

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Greeter: Chuck/Carol Emery

Reader: Carol Emery

Pastoral Care

Pastor Grace will be working from home this week. She can be reached on her cell phone.

Contact Pastor Grace in the event of an emergency.

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

Bible Study

There will not be Bible study this week. Our next Bible study will be Aug. 24th at 10:00 am.

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, your request will be passed along through the prayer chain.

Thank You

Kudos to volunteers Roman Mercier, Beth Sagers, Sandy Meglic, Nancy Berhow, and Carol Nelson for weeding and trimming the landscape around the church. Your labors are appreciated and showcase the exterior beauty of the church. Thank you dedicated members!

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 3rd Thursday of each month at the church. Our next gathering is this Thursday, August 19th at 9:30 am.



Adult Education

Our first session will be Sept. 19th after Worship. September and October meetings will be in person while November and December will be on Zoom.

Calling All Book Lovers!

So many members love books! Each month, our newsletter will include recommendations of books 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: 1st Sunday of the Month

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

YouTube: YouTube/cannon falls ucc

Facebook: First Congregational Church of Cannon Falls

Printed Media:

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