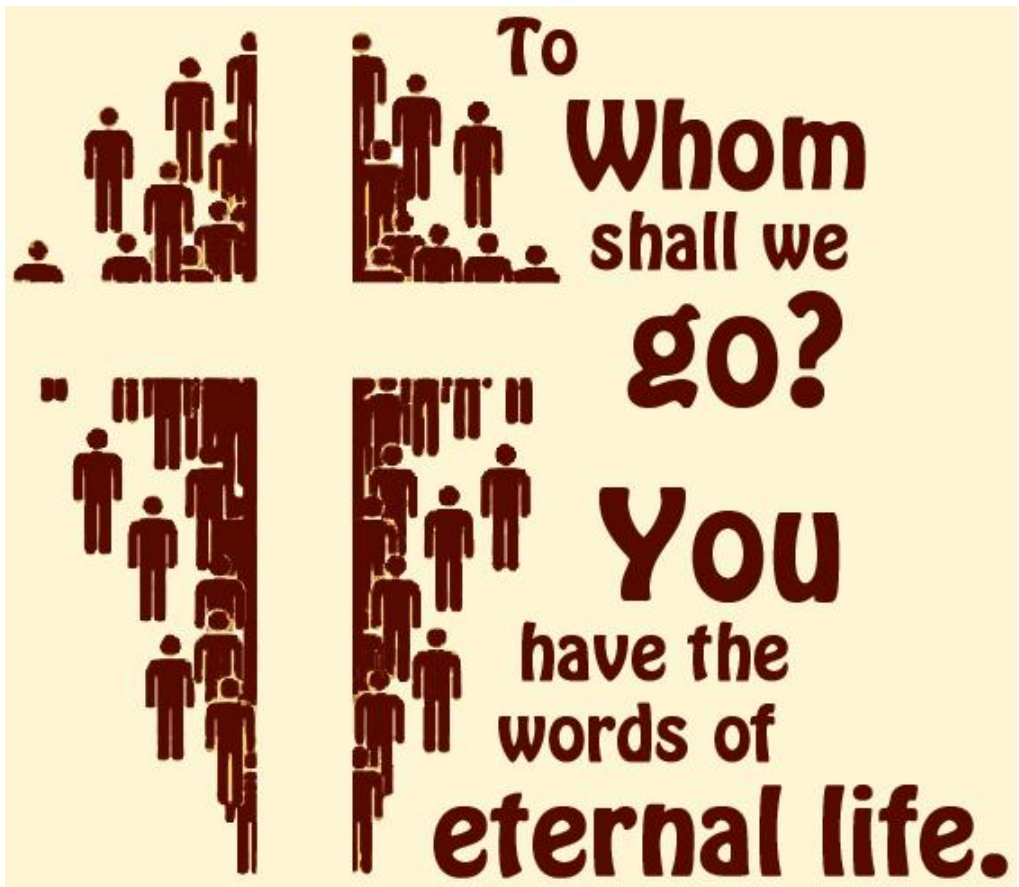


**First Congregational Church UCC
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021**



The Spirit of God makes us one in Christ.

**stand in body or spirit*

Preparing for the Word

PRELUDE /BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Life and breath

A gift from God.

A tender heart and a humble mind

Possible with God.

Loving deeply and forgiving often

Enabled by God.

Living in peace and weaving new patterns of justice

Sustained by God.

Seeking God and thanking God

We come here to worship God.

OPENING MUSIC

It is Well with My Soul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, forgive us that often we forgive ourselves so easily and others not so easily. Forgive us that we expect perfection from those when we ourselves are not perfect. Forgive us the folly of trying to improve someone close to us without working on ourselves first. Prevent us that we should use our little idea of goodness as a spear to wound those who are different. Prevent us that we should feel superior to others when we are only more shielded; and may we instead follow you in forgiving ourselves and those around us. 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 84 p. 472-473

Second Reading John 6:56-69 p. 868

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

SERMON

Life-Giving Spirit

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, sung quietly*)

*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 MUSIC *Make Me a Servant*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Up Above My Head*

Today, August 22

Worship 9:30a

Pastor: Grace Anderson

Greeters: Chuck/Carol Emery

Monday, August 23

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

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

Tuesday, August 24

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

Bible Study - 10:00a

Wednesday, August 25

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

Praise Band 5:45 p

Thursday, August 26

Kileen - 10:00a - 3:00p

Sunday, August 29

Worship 9:30a w/Praise Band
at Bill and Emily Peterson's
home. The address is 32487
County 24 Blvd. Cannon Falls.
Pastor: Grace Anderson

Pastoral Care

Contact Pastor Grace in the
event of an emergency.
Cell: 651-367-9328. Email:
pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.
com.

Adult Education

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

Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study each
Tuesday at 10:00 am. This
week we will be discussing
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Prayer Partners

We pick members and staff to
lift in prayer each week. This
week we pray for: Mike and
Tracy, Brock Casey, Hunter,
and Lily Johnson, and Cindy
Mae Nelson.

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.

Aid for Haiti

As news continues to provide the impact of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, aid is desperately needed for its victims. The National Office of the United Church of Christ and in partnership with Global Ministries, Church World Service and ACT Alliance made the appeal to raise \$100,000 for disaster relief for this besieged country.

If you would like to donate, please visit the UCC.org website: (<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal/>) or the Church World Service website (<https://cwsglobal.org/donate/haiti-2021/>) for more information or to donate electronically. Donations for the UCC Disaster Relief Appeal can also be mailed to:

United Church of Christ
Financial Services Attention:
Haiti Relief
700 Prospect Ave, 6th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Donations for Church World Service can also be mailed and payable to:

Church World Service Attn:
Haiti Relief
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515

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.

Outreach

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

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:

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