

**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**October 3, 2021**



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

*\*stand in body or spirit*

## **Preparing for the Word**

**PRELUDE**     *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**RINGING OF THE BELL / BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)* Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presby. Church of Colombia

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

**To celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

**We praise God's name! Amen!**

**OPENING MUSIC**     *This Is My Song*

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

*Adapted: Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land*

**Gracious Lord, Creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us laws to order our lives and yet we find it difficult to strive for peace. We are often blinded to the poor and the weak in our midst. In all**

this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, O God, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology  
student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East*

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Listening for the Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *Magdaléna Trgalová, Evangelical Church of  
Czech Brethren*

**SCRIPTURE**

Reading Psalm 8

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

**SERMON**

*Relationships*

**APOSTLE'S CREED** (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Responding to the Word

### SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER *Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe*

### MISSION MOMENT

### OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY

*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

## The Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table *(responsive)*

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divides us from one another.

**We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The bread that is broken restores us to wholeness; the cup poured out brings new life.**

### The Great Thanksgiving *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



## **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.**

## **Words of Institution**

**Call to Communion**      *Wayfaring Stranger*

## **Sharing the Elements**

Please come forward to receive the bread and juice. Return to your seats where we will partake the elements together as the pastor leads us.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**CLOSING MUSIC**      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *I'll Fly Away*

*Several of today's worship pieces bring together voices from around the world in celebration of World Communion Sunday.*

*Celebration of World Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies.*

### ***Today, October 3***

Worship w/Communion 9:30a  
Pastor: Grace Anderson  
Greeter: Gary and Linda Sheridan  
Blessing of the Animals 3:00 pm on  
the church lawn. *Bring chair with you.*

### **Monday, October 4**

Pr. Grace - 10:00am - 3:00pm

### **Tuesday, October 5**

Pr. Grace - 10:00a - 3:00pm  
Kileen - 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Virginia (Ginny) Johnson:  
Visitation 10:00 am  
Funeral 11:00 am

### **Wednesday, October 6**

Pr. Grace - 12:00pm - 3:00pm  
Praise Band - 5:45 pm

### **Thursday, October 7**

Kileen - 9:00a - 3:00pm

### **Sunday, October 10**

Worship 9:30am  
Pastor: Grace Anderson

### ***Pastoral Care***

Contact Pastor Grace in the event  
of a pastoral emergency. Contact  
her at pastor.cannonfallsucc@  
gmail.com or 651-367-9328.

### ***Bible Study***

Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 10:00  
am in person. This week we will be  
discussing Mark 10:17-31.

### ***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: Kileen Swedenborg,  
Roman and Jean Mercier, and Becky  
Jokela.

### ***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.

### ***Adult Education***

Our Zoom Adult Education starts  
on **Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30  
pm.** We are discussing the book  
“Gift of Years” by Joan Chittister.

Please join us as often as you like  
for what promises to be some lively  
discussions. Each week, an email

will be sent out with the next reading and an invitation to join via Zoom. Participants can join with video and audio or just via phone. Snowbirds are welcome!

Our book discussion will run from Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> until Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Books can be purchased on Amazon.com or through BenetVision @ [joanchittister.org](mailto:joanchittister.org).

### ***From the Mission Committee***

On **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will be collecting the offering for Neighbors in Need.



We hope you will consider donating to this mission. Please make checks out to First Congregational Church and on the memo line write NIN. Thank you!

### ***Outreach***

Each month, Cindy Mae places two DVDs of the services in the entrance hallway. If you want a copy and they are gone, please let Cindy Mae know (507-951-3117).

Also, we are looking for people who are willing to learn how to record the services. Tutorial for recording worship with the camera is on YouTube at [youtu.be/UamTFTZYa1g](https://youtu.be/UamTFTZYa1g)

### ***Calling all Members!***

Yes, literally. I am going to be calling as many of you as I can just to check-in, say "Hi!" and make sure we have an accurate representation of our membership data. So if you see a strange number (612-325-3667) pop up on your phone, not to worry, I won't ask for money or try to sell you (fill in the blank), just a short conversation.

I look forward to connecting with you.

Bill Peterson, Moderator

### ***Volunteers Needed***

**Meals on Wheels** Cannon Falls is looking for volunteers! Meals on Wheels Volunteers deliver much more than a hot nutritious meal. For our elderly population, our visits mean contact with the outside world and the chance to remain at home.

Volunteer for Meals on Wheels and enjoy a lunch that's good for your heart. For more information, contact Lora Bremer at Cannon Valley Senior Center by calling 507-263-2136 or [lora@cannonvalleyseiorcenter.org](mailto:lora@cannonvalleyseiorcenter.org)

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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  
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**Church Secretary:** Kileen Swedenborg  
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**Printed Media:**

If you would like us to mail you "The Good News"  
newsletter, please contact the office at 507-263-2901.