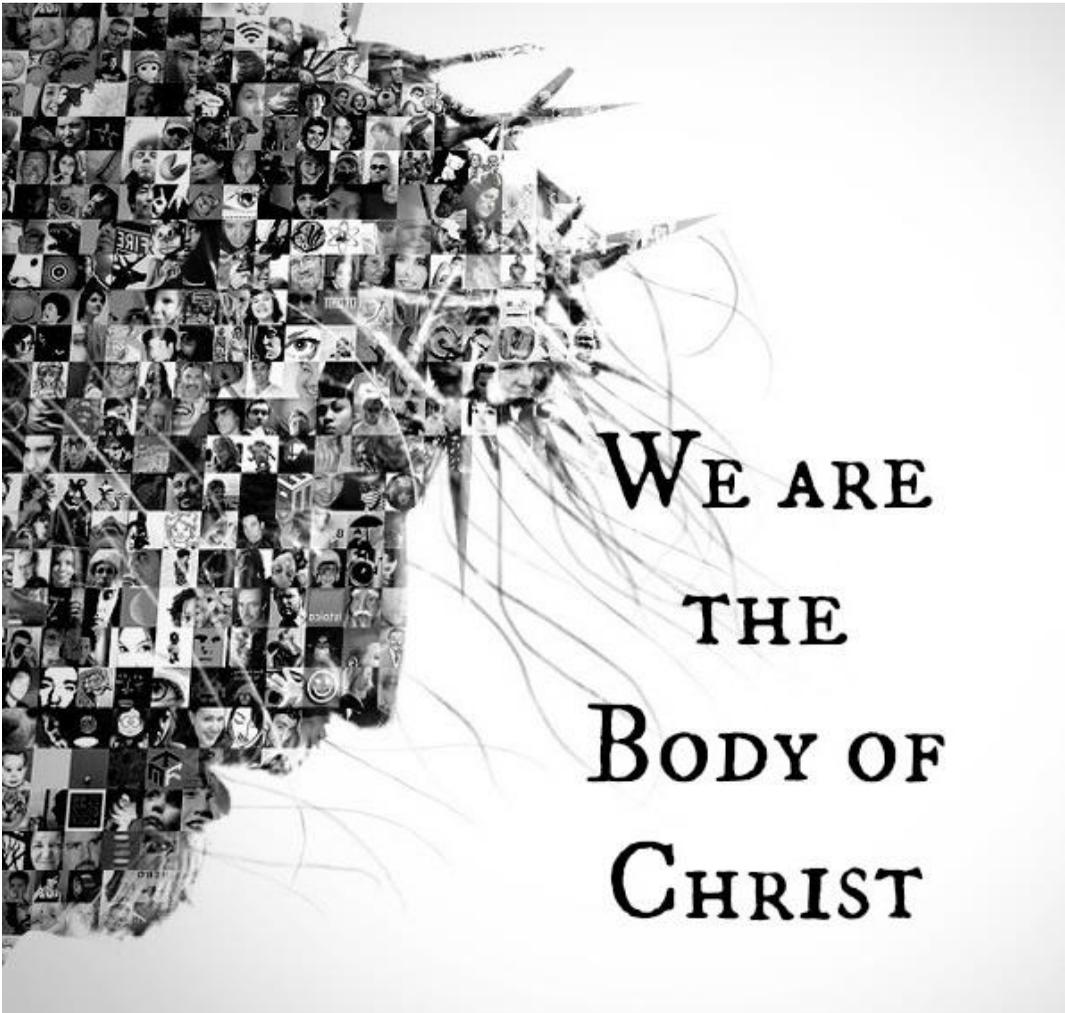


**First Congregational Church UCC**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 17, 2021**



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

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

## Preparing for the Word

**PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT**

*Deep River*

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

O sing to the Lord with a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Let us begin our worship!

**OPENING MUSIC**     *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have turned away from the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.**

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### THE PEACE (*responsive*)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## Listening for the Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35-45

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

### SERMON

*Humble and Loving Service*

Pr. Grace Anderson

## 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.

## MISSION MOMENT

## 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 MUSIC      *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

### **Our Mission Statement**

We are a welcoming and loving congregational family  
that celebrates God's presence among us.

Our spiritual growth is enriched through worship,  
the Bible, prayer, faith education, and fellowship.

We strive to meet the needs of a diverse,  
multi-generational congregation.

Together we share the message of Jesus Christ  
and put our faith into actions in our local and global community.

**Today, October 17**

Worship 9:30 am

Pastor: Grace Anderson

**Wednesday, October 20**

Adult Ed 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Thursday, October 21**

Women's Coffee 9:30 am

**Sunday, October 24**

Worship 9:30 am

Pastor: Jeanne Bringgold-Pro

### ***Pastoral Care***

Pastor Grace will be out of town Oct. 18-24. Pastor Phil Ruud will cover emergency pastoral care needs. Pastor Phil can be reached at 263-3042 (church) or 507-298-0048 (mobile).

### ***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 via the prayer chain.

### ***Bible Study***

Bible Study is cancelled for Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Adult Education***

During our **Adult Education** time, we are discussing the book **The Gift of Years** by Joan Chittister.

The book is a rich guide to the spiritual journey of aging. Our gatherings are each **Wednesday until Wednesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm via Zoom**. Pastor Grace will send out the chapters we will cover along with the Zoom invitation each week. This week we will be discussing the chapters "Ageism" and "Joy".

Even if you have not read the assignment, please join us for what may be some interesting conversations!

### ***From the Mission Committee Afghan Donations***

Donations of clothes, shoes, boots, and scarves for the Afghan Evacuees can be taken to Riverwood Church. They are taking all donations to Fort McCoy on Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please organize clothes as to type and size to help with distribution.

Riverwood Church is open:

Tuesday: 10:00a – 2:00p

Wednesday: 6:00p – 8:00p

Thursday: 12:00p – 4:00p

Sunday: 8:00a – 11:30a

Their phone number is 263-2304 if you want to verify that someone will be there.

If you would like to give a donation of money here are the 3 ways you can do it:

Online: [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org)

Phone: 1-800-297-1516

Mail: Church World Service  
PO Box 968

Elkhart, IN 46515

Make checks out to **Church World Service** and on the memo line write “Afghan Relief”.

### **Pill Bottle Ministry**

The Matthew 25 Pill Bottle Ministry has begun. You will find the box next to the food donation’s basket. A small donation of a dollar or two is appreciated to help defray the cost of cleaning and shipping bottles overseas. Thank you.

### ***Women’s Coffee***

Join us for Women’s Coffee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### ***COVID Update***

An update after our Council Meeting on Tuesday night: We continue to follow the CDC updates on the number of COVID cases, the "positivity rate" for community transmission and the capacity of surrounding hospitals. As of this date, there continues to be a "high rate" for community transmission for Goodhue County. We are also seeing infection rates climb in greater Minnesota.

As we heard this phrase at the beginning of the pandemic, with an abundance of caution, we will continue to require masks and social distancing within the church building and during worship, we will continue to reduce how much "live" music that we offer. Please know that church leadership continues to monitor the situation and we are keeping an eye on numbers so that if they move either up or down, we are prepared to make changes.

So, knowing there may be a collective groan as you read this today, I want to offer a suggestion from the "Coronavirus Collective", a book of essays. One of the contributors writes that when we

feel discouraged or overwhelmed, we can still be a blessing to another person who may be feeling the same way. We can call each other, write someone a card, or offer to bring a tasty treat to share. We may not be in the church the same way, but we are still a church community! So, blessings to you all and how wonderful it is to be part of such a caring congregation!

*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 Chair:

**Linda Hindal**

CCIC Representative: **Ray Meglic**

Outreach Ministry Lead:

**Cindy Mae Nelson**

Church Community Ministry:

**Linda Hindal**

Worship Ministry: **Jacqui Broin**

Mission Ministry: **Sandra Meglic**

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

**Minister:** Rev. Grace Anderson

Email: [pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.cannonfallsucc@gmail.com)

**Church Organist/Choir Director:** Dawn Husmann

**Praise Band:** Karen Nowariak

**Church Secretary:** Email Pastor Grace with questions,  
requests for assistance and/or information

**Custodian:** Dick Welch

**Social Media:**

Website: [www.cannonfallsucc.org](http://www.cannonfallsucc.org)

YouTube: [YouTube/cannon falls ucc](https://www.youtube.com/cannonfallsucc)

Facebook: [First Congregational Church of Cannon Falls](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofCannonFalls)

**Printed Media:**

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