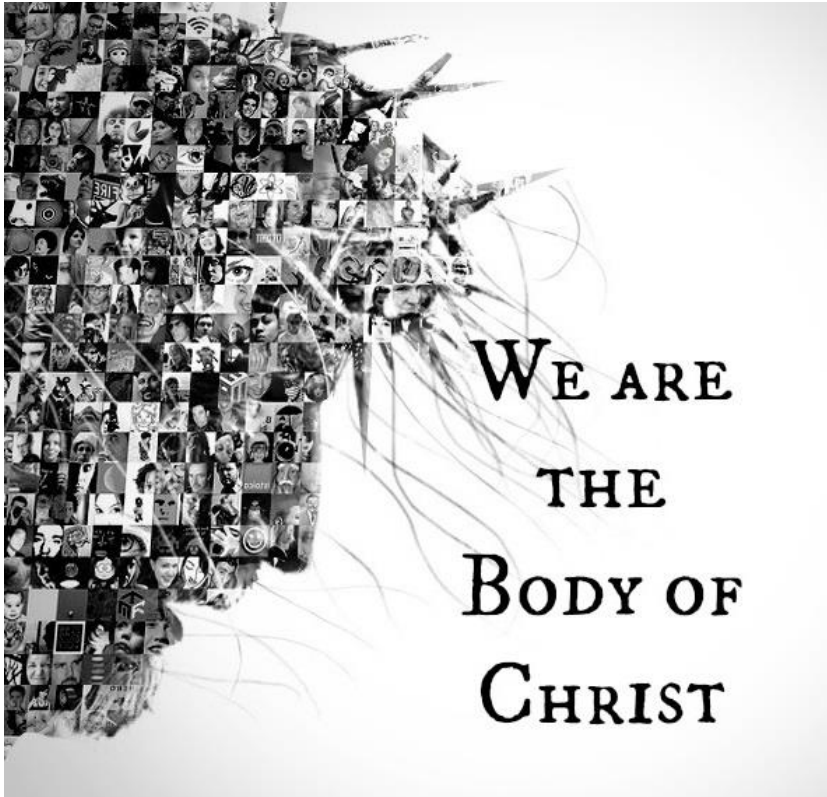


First Congregational Church UCC
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



The Spirit of God makes us one in Christ.

**Stand in body or spirit*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship*

BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Jesus offers us peace,

So that we will not be afraid.

The Holy Spirit reminds us,

we are never alone.

God makes a home among us,

because God loves us.

Let us worship our Triune God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Freely, Freely*

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,

I've been born again in Jesus' name,

And in Jesus' name I come to you,

To share His Love as He told me to. He said,

Chorus

Freely, freely you have received;
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.

We're here today in Jesus' name
To worship God in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name we're here today
To celebrate our unity. He said...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Grace giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with Jesus' compassion to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us again of your love. Keep telling us over and over again, so that one day soon, we truly hear your words and believe. 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

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:9-15

John 14:23-29

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

SERMON

The Early Church

Pastor Grace Anderson

***HYMN**

How Great Is Our God

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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)** *Offering*

Verse 1/Chorus

**This is my offering dear Lord
This is my offering to You God
And I will give You my life
For it's all I have to give
Because You gave Your life for me.**

Verse 2

**I stand before You at this alter
So many have given you more
I may not have much I can offer
Yet what I have is truly Yours.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Allelu, Allelu, Everybody Sing Allelu*

Chorus

**Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!
For the Lord has risen, it is true.
Everybody sing Allelu!**

**God said he would send His son, Allelu! Allelu!
And salvation would be won, Alleluia!**

**Christ was born in Bethlehem, Allelu! Allelu!
So that all would live again, Alleluia!**

**Thirty years he walked the land, Allelu! Allelu!
To all in need he lent his hand, Alleluia!**

**On the hard wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!
He suffered and he died for us, Alleluia!
On the third day he did rise, Allelu! Allelu!
Now he lives no more to die, Alleluia!**

**Now we too can live anew, Allelu! Allelu!
Live in him need all we do, Alleluia!**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *The Blessing*

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Portions of today's service written by Liturgy written by Rev. Molly Spangler,
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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.**

Calendar of Events

Today, Sunday, May 22

Worship Service: 9:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor Grace

Music Leader: All For You

Scripture Reader: Karen Nowariak

Today, Sunday, May 22

Listening Session after worship

Wednesday, May 25

All For You Rehearsal: 5:45pm

Adult Education: 6:30pm

Thursday, May 26

Bible Study: 1:30pm

Sunday, May 29

Worship Service: 9:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor Grace

Music Leader: Dawn Husmann

Scripture Reader: Please sign up!

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – office closed

Pastoral Care

For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Grace on her cell phone @ 651-367-9328.

Prayer Chain

AM Bonnie Hvistendahl: 263-4120

PM 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.

Listening Sessions

The Legacy Planning Team invites you to participate in a *Listening Session* to talk about some potential future scenarios for First Congregational Church. Please join us **today** for the last session! The Legacy Planning Team: *Bill Peterson, Chair, Sandra Meglic, Linda Hindal, Bruce Johnson*

May Adult Education

This Wednesday evening (5/25) @ 6:30pm via Zoom, we continue our discussion of the book "*Love Is The Way - Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*" by the Presiding Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry. This week we will discuss chapters 10-12 and the appendix. This is our last session. All are welcome!

Bible Study

On Thursday, May 26 @ 1:30pm we will discuss Acts 16:16-34. This will be the last bible study for the summer as we go on hiatus from June – August.

Cannon Valley Senior Center May Opportunities

May 24 @ 12:20pm- 4:30pm AARP Safety Driving Class. Call to make your reservation - class size is limited. You may qualify for a discount on your car insurance by completing this course.

May 31 @10:30am - Strength for Seniors with Tracy Spinks. May 10 bring your insurance cards & after class you can have it checked to see if you qualify for free membership at the YMCA.



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Tuesday Bible Study:

Hiatus June-August

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday of the Month

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Bill Peterson

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Dawn Husmann

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