

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

November 5, 2017—All Saints' Sunday

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Gathering #431 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements *Emily LaFlam*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Matthew 5:1-12*

One: Then Jesus went up the mountain, sat down, and said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Blessed are those who mourn,

All: for they will be comforted.

One: Blessed are the meek,

All: for they will inherit the earth.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,

All: for they will be filled.

One: Blessed are the merciful,

All: for they will receive mercy.

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

All: for they will see God.

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: for they will be called children of God.

One: Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account.

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.**

*Hymn #430 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

**Confession: God of abundant life, you chose the weak and the
foolish of this world to put to shame the strong and the wise.
You chose what was low and despised so that all of us might
boast in your Presence and not in ourselves. God, in your
mercy, humble us; grant us the grace to lay down every idol
we serve, until we are willing to come to you weak and
empty-handed, trusting in your goodness alone. We pray in
the humble grace of Jesus. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith (*in front of hymnal*)

Choir Anthem "Cantate Domino" *Mozart*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture 1 John 3:1-3

Sermon "This Holy Gift: Pure Love, Pure Hope, Pure Joy"

*Hymn #462 "Come, Share the Lord"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer: **You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

*Hymn #757 "Soon and Very Soon"

*Benediction

*Response #431 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Postlude

vs. 3

Readings for next Sunday: *Joshua 24:1-25; Psalm 78; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13*

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Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.