

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 3, 2021

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #207 "We Have Come to Join in Worship"
vs. 1 & 3

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 145:1-8*

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name
forever and ever.

**All: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever
and ever.**

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness
is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall praise your works to another, and
shall declare your mighty acts.**

One: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your
wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

One: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.**

*Hymn #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts
*Doxology
*Offering prayer

Scriptures *Jonah 3:1-4:4* *Mary Menzies*
Matthew 20:1-16

Hymn #87 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Sermon "Outrageous Grace" *Rev. Jay Sprout*

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 343 "Amazing Grace" *vs. 1-4*

Call to Prayer (*Sung to the tune "Morning Has Broken"*)

One: May God be with you!

All: And with you also!

One: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

**All: We come together at the Lord's table,
to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayers

Song of Adoration (*Sung to the tune "Holy, Holy, Holy"*)
**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us, yet closer than breathing:
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution "On the Night"

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #355 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Benediction

*Response #343 "Amazing Grace" vs. 5

Postlude

We welcome Rev. Jay Sprout to the pulpit this week.

*Scriptures for Sunday, October 10: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16, and Mark 10:17-31*

Please note: Our guest leader, Nathan Snyder, may or may not use these texts

Neighbors In Need – Special Offering, October 3rd



In 2021, NIN is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.

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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.

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