

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
July 4, 2021

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering #221 “All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Ross Fairweather*

Prelude

Responsive Reading

One: This is how we came to this great land, America:

**All: following the caribou across the frozen land bridge;
sailing wooden war-ships in a westward search for gold;**

One: looking for a place to work and worship as we wanted;
loaded onto slave ships, stacked and chained in the hold.

**All: We struggled with the elements;
we struggled with each other;
we struggle still to live up to the prophet’s holy dream:**

One: “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up
and live out the true meaning of its creed, that all people
are created equal . . .

**All: “and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all flesh shall see it together. I have a dream.
I have a dream today.” Amen.**

*Hymn #596 “I Surrender All”

***Confession: Generous Sovereign, you have shown us the way
of blessing: “Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with
your God.” And still we spend our lives looking out for
number one, instead of sharing justly with the poor.
And still we keep the suffering of others at a distance,
instead of reaching out them with kindness. And still we**

**tread the lonely path of self-centered fear, instead of
walking humbly with you. Forgive us, O God. By this
holy meal, nourish our souls and strengthen our hearts
to walk with Jesus in the path of blessing. We pray in
his loving name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon with Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith:

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,**

crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Moments of Concern and Celebration

Pastoral Prayer and Our Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Mark 6:1-13

Sermon “on the road again”

*Hymn #462 “Come Share the Lord”

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see back page*)

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.**

*Benediction

Response: #391 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Readings for next week: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24;
Amos 7:7-15; and Psalm 85:8-13;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.*



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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in
this place will know and experience the love,
forgiveness, hope, and new life available
through Jesus Christ.*

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.