

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**August 1, 2021**

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering #391 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16

One: Let us lead lives that are worthy  
of the calling to which we've been called,  
**All: With humility, gentleness and patience,**  
**let us bear with one another in love,**  
**making every effort to maintain**  
**the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

One: There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to one great hope.

**All: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**  
**one God and Father of all,**  
**above all and through all and in all.**

One: We must no longer be children,  
blown about by every new teaching;

**All: but, speaking the truth in love,**  
**we must grow up into Him who is the head.**

One: Joined and knit together, with every part  
working as it was meant to work,

**All: let us grow into Christ, through whom the whole body**  
**builds itself up in love.**

\*Hymn #384 "Spirit Song"

\*Confession: **Loving God, you give us voices tuned to songs  
of joy and we fill your ear with worry and complaint.  
You give us hands ideally formed for tender loving  
care and we ball them into fists and hurt each other.  
You give us hearts of yielding flesh to fill your world  
with kindness and we trade them in for hearts of  
stone and fill your world with fear. Forgive us, O God,  
for abusing your gifts, for walking away from our  
calling. In your mercy, take away our sin and fill us  
again with your purpose. We ask in the name of  
Jesus, who blessed your gifts with his great love.  
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                    John 6:24-35  
\*Hymn #207 “We Have Come to Join in Worship”  
Sermon                    “till I want no more”  
\*Hymn #413 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”  
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.**

\*Benediction  
Response: #426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Readings for next week:  
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;  
1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51*



*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.*

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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.*