

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
September 12, 2021

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #225 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” vs. 1-2

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Based on Psalm 136*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
Give thanks to the God of gods.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: To him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the sun to govern the day and the moon and stars to govern the night;

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt and brought Israel out from among them with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; to him who led his people through the wilderness;

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: He remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies. He gives food to every creature.

**All: Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His steadfast love endures forever.**

Hymn #244 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts
*Doxology (#815)
Offering prayer

Scripture Mark 1:1-15 *Mary Menzies*

*Hymn #444 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Sermon “Every Good Story Begins in the Middle” *Brian Muh*

*Hymn #300 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Benediction

*Response # 713 “Seek Ye First”

Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Brian Muh to the pulpit this week.

Scriptures for Sunday, September 19: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

Please note: Our guest leader, Victoria Cole, may or may not use these texts.

CHURCH STAFF

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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.*

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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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