

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**

**June 1, 2014**

**Ascension Sunday**

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

*Worship Planner: Lars Nielson*

Gathering Music #179      “Awesome God”

Welcome and Announcements

*Emily LaFlam*

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading:

*Psalm 47*

One: Clap your hands, people! Shout praise to God!  
Raise a loud song of great joy!

**All: Sing praise! Our God is an awesome God,  
Ruler of all the earth!**

One: God, has gone up with a shout of triumph.  
God rules! with trumpets sounding!

**All: Praise! We sing praise to God our Ruler.  
Praise! We sing praise to our God!**

One: God is the Ruler of all the nations,  
seated on high, on the holy throne.

**All: Now all the powers of earth gather round,  
lifting up, shouting the name of our God.  
Clap your hands, people! Shout praise to God!  
Raise a loud song of great joy!**

\*Hymn #377

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Confession: **Great Loving One, we are weak and proud. We injure one another out of willfulness and fear. We are slow to admit our need for you, and slower still to serve you. And still you invite us, whenever we’re ready, to crawl into your lap and be loved. Out of your tender, abundant heart, you offer us forgiveness and a brand new start. Help us, Great Loving One, to accept your forgiveness and rejoice in your kindness, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #813

\* Statement of Faith (*inside front cover of hymnal*)

Anthem      “Let All the People Praise Thee”      *Natalie Sleeth*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #815 with Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Acts 1:6-14

Sermon      “Witnesses”

\*Hymn #462      “Come Share the Lord”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion      *see insert*

\*Hymn #604      “I Then Shall Live”      *vs. 1, 2*

\*Benediction

\*Response #604      “I Then Shall Live”      *vs. 3*

\*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude