

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

September 14, 2014

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

Gathering #55

“Bless His Holy Name”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading

Psalm 103

***Sing: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.***

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and do not forget
all the wonderful things God has done for us.

**All: O God, you forgive our iniquity, heal our diseases,
redeem our life from the Pit.**

One: You crown us with steadfast love and mercy;
our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**All: You work vindication and justice for the oppressed.
You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: You do not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great
is your steadfast love toward those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far you remove our transgressions from us.**

***Sing: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.***

One: As a father has compassion for his children, so you
have compassion for those who fear you.

**All: For you know how we were made;
you remember that we are dust.**

One: As for mortals, our days are like grass:
we flourish, the wind passes over us and we are gone.

**All: But your steadfast love is everlasting, O God,
your goodness passes down to the children's children
of those who fear you and keep your commandments.**

One: O God, you establish your throne in the heavens,
your kingdom rules over all.

**All: Bless the Lord, angels and hosts of heaven,
obedient ministers who do God's will.**

Bless the Lord; O bless the Lord, my soul.

***Sing: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.***

*Hymn #56 “To God Be the Glory”

Anthem “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” *Madrid*

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(please fill out a blue card in the pew)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #656 “Take Time to Be Holy”

Scripture Romans 14:1-12

Sermon “In Our Difference Is Blessing”

*Hymn insert “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Benediction

*Response #425 “Bind Us Together”

*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude