

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 12, 2014

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

Gathering #209 “This Is the Day”

Welcome and Announcements *Ann Craxton*

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Responsive Reading *Psalm 65*

One: O God, we will praise you; we sing in your temple;
and all that we have promised, we will do.

**All: You answer our prayers; you forgive all our sins,
and save us with your awesome deeds.**

One: By your might you established the mountains; you silence
the roaring of seas, the tumult of peoples.

**All: You visit the earth and water it, enrich it;
the river of God is full of your water;
you give your people grain, for so you have prepared it.**

One: You water the ploughed earth abundantly, settle its ridges,
soften it with showers, and bless it with growth.

**All: You crown the year with bounty; we bring in your grain;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow with grasses,
the hills gird themselves with joy.

**All: The meadows are clothing themselves with your flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for sheer abundant joy!**

One: O God, we will praise you; we sing in your temple;

All: and all that we have promised, we will do.

*Hymn #11 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Children’s Time

Anthem “Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine” *Larson*
 (See insert for the words to this anthem.)

Moments of Concern and Celebration
 (please fill out a blue card in the pew)
 Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Reflections on Living Out Our Blessings: Ann Craxton

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Music
 *Doxology (#815)
 *Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #430 “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Sermon “Generous scattering, bountiful harvest,
 thanks be to God. Amen.”

*Hymn #405 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*Benediction

*Response #237 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

*Ministry of the Acolyte and Postlude

“Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine”
by Lloyd Larson
based on Isaiah 43:1-5 and 1 Peter 5:7

Do not be afraid for I am with you.
I have called you by name.
When you walk through the storms,
when you walk through the fire,
do not be afraid for you are mine.

Do not be afraid for I am with you.
Come to me you are my child.
Through the waters deep or the valley so steep,
do not be afraid for you are mine.

Cast your fears on the Lord each day
for He cares for you.
Place your trust in the Lord today.
God will take care of you.

Be not dismayed what e'er betide.
God will take care of you;
beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you,
through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you.
God will take care, God will take care,
God will take care, God will take care of you.

Do not be afraid for you are mine.