

Morning Worship
First Congregational Church, UCC
Sunday, June 13, 2021

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #655 “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Calling the Annual Meeting to Order

Tim Gould

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Menzies

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

One: It is good to give thanks to you, O God
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**All: It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.**

One: Let us sing to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre,

**All: For you have made us glad by your work, O God;
at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**All: They are planted, they are rooted, in your holy house;
they flourish in your courts, O God.**

One: In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,

**All: Showing that you are upright, O God,
you are our rock, in you is nothing but good.**

Hymn #657 “Cleanse Me”

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within.

Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts
Doxology and Offering prayer

Scripture Mark 4:26-34

Sermon "seeds"

Hymn #661 "Little Is Much When God Is In It"
In the harvest field now ripened there's a work for all to do;
Hark! the voice of God is calling to the harvest calling you.

Refrain:
Little is much when God is in it, labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus' name.

Does the place you're called to labor seem too small and little known?
It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forget His own.

[Refrain]

When the conflict here is ended and our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful, "Welcome home, My child, well done!"

[Refrain]

Benediction

Response #677 "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"

Glorious is Thy name, Most Holy, God and Father of us all;
We Thy servants bow before Thee, strive to answer ev'ry call.
Thou with life's great good hast blest us, cared for us from earliest years;
Unto Thee our thanks we render; Thy deep love o'ercomes all fears.

For our world of need and anguish we would lift to Thee our prayer.
Faithful stewards of Thy bounty may we with our brothers share.
In the name of Christ our Savior, Who redeems and sets us free,
Gifts we bring of heart and treasure, that our lives may worthier be.

In the midst of time we journey, from Thy hand comes each new day;
We would use it in Thy service, humbly, wisely, while we may.
So to Thee, Lord and Creator, praise and honor we accord;
Thine the earth and Thine the heavens, thro' all the Eternal Word.

Postlude