

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sept. 18, 2022

10:00 AM

*"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."*

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)*

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #611 (NCH-Black) "O Day of God Draw Near"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #42 (NCH-Black) "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 113)

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;

**praise the Name of the Lord.**

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,

**from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down

**let the Name of the Lord be praised.**

The Lord is high above all nations,

**and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high

**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

He takes up the weak out of the dust

**and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes,

**with the princes of his people.**

He makes the woman of a childless house

**to be a joyful mother of children.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 79)

How long will you be angry, O Lord?

Will your fury blaze like fire forever?

O Lord, remember not our past sins;

Let your compassion be swift to meet us,

for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our savior, for the glory of your name;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

### \*SONG OF PRAISE #338 (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## GOD MOMENT

### GROWING IN OUR FAITH

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Timothy 2: 1-7  
Luke 16: 1-13

#### THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

#### SERMON

"A little faith"

#### \*HYMN #186 (UCC-Red)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

### PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS** (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### \*SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780 Doxology (NCH – Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, O heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Creator God, you've endowed each one of us with ability, talent, and purpose with which we may reflect your goodness to others. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to joyfully share your light with our community and the larger world. Amen**

#### \*HYMN #296 (UCC-Red)

"For All the Saints"

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"

Amen, Amen, Amen

## POSTLUDE

**WE EXTEND THE HAND** of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, [www.fccuccspfdvt.org](http://www.fccuccspfdvt.org). Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.

Nursery care (up to 3 years old).

**OUR THANKS** to all who participated in our service this morning.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Patti Kemp.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>	Family of Dan Kelin	Ginny Blais
	Marion Lerandean	Claire Hatch
	Family of John Follett	Suerae and Jim Ballard
	John Mobus	All others in need

**COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!**

Sep. 18	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Sep. 22	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Sep. 25	Sunday Worship – Pete Andrews	10:00 AM

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**PASTOR'S HOURS**

Tues. & Wed. 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**STAFF**

Pastor: Michael Mario  
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell  
Sexton: Todd Murray

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