

**Welcome to First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Yet Another Sunday After Pentecost
October 12, 2025**

**** *Some rise to their feet, some rise in their hearts—please rise as you are able.*

GATHERING BELL

At the sound of the bell, please silence yourselves and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living (Ash Grove), arr. Larry Shackley

Martha Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Paul Ashby

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**Whoever you are...and wherever you are on
life's journey... you are welcome here!**

OPENING REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen Bradley

From our busy world, with all its problems, we come to find that space to listen and to love.

We come to be challenged, to be stretched, to be encouraged.

It is too easy to simply want peace for ourselves and ignore the cries of those who suffer.

**We are grateful for churches that grow our courage rather than indulging our comfort by
looking away from neighbors in pain.**

We express our gratitude for every opportunity to help and heal our neighbors in who struggle with
a vast range of problems.

We ask for the strength and courage to see the real world beyond our busy schedule.

****HYMN NCH 27

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

All

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal are your mercies, God; your truth stands ever high and broad; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paul

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond to each shared prayer request with "Peace, Shalom, Salaam."

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kathy Viglianco

OFFERTORY

Lord of the Broken, Arthur James/Janice Kaye

Choir

****DOXOLOGY (*Old Hundredth*)

All

**Praise God, whose love will never cease,
whose justice raises up the least**

**and sits all creatures at the feast—
God's mercy is our hope and peace!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ellen

God of Grace, open our hearts to be thankful for little things we take for granted. By your grace we have found healing for many of the broken pieces in our life. Grant to us the joy of finding gifts of goodness in each day. Amen

**HYMN Song Folder #20, vs 1,2,4,5

The Summons

All

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare--- should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go----- where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

Ellen

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

MESSAGE

"The Grateful Samaritan"

Paul

***HYMN NCH 76

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

All

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

****BENEDICTION

Paul

**** SONG BENEDICTION

World Peace Prayer

All

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe!

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

RECESSIONAL Let All Things Now Living (*The Ash Grove*), arr. Lloyd Larson

Martha

Today's Worship Leaders

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Ellen Bradley
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