



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“Happy Body, Healthy Body!?”

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

10:30 a.m. Virtual Service

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship
and relevant messages deepen spirituality
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

Our Church’s Mission Statement

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Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text, and an asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, as you are able. Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time.
Helpful worship notes and information on the church can be found in the brochure by the hymnals.
Guests and visitors – a special welcome! Please fill out a “Welcome” card (in the pew pocket) and put it in the offering plate so we may send you a small gift.*

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS/CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from the anthem “O Happy Day”)

One: When Jesus washed our sins away

Many: Oh, happy day

One: Jesus taught me how to watch, fight and pray

Many: Oh, happy day

One: Jesus taught me to live rejoicing every day

Many: Oh, happy day

*OPENING HYMN #179

“We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

*COLLECT PRAYER

One: Let us pray

Many: Lord God, whom we praise and adore, begin mighty deeds in us this hour. Send great hopes, fortify firm resolves, because the world needs You. We are your hands and your heart in our families, communities, churches and in the world around us. Enlighten us this day with what you would have us do. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“O Happy Day”

Edwin R. Hawkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-8 (pg. 542)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 950)

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE #236

“Halleluja”

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

REFLECTION

“Happy Body, Healthy Body!?”

Linda Gooley

MUSICAL REFLECTION “Happy Day, Happy Day, When Jesus Washed My Sins Away!”

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

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One: For all who have contracted coronavirus,

Many: We pray for care and healing.

One: For those who are particularly vulnerable,

Many: We pray for safety and protection.

One: For all who experience fear or anxiety,

Many: We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

One: For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

Many: We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

One: For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

Many: We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

One: For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

Many: We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

One: For our brothers and sisters around the world,

Many: We pray for shared solidarity.

One: For public officials and decision makers,

Many: We pray for wisdom and guidance.

One: Lord, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

One: Uniting God, unite us as one as we recite your loving Lord’s prayer in words most comforting to each of us.....

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart hartacre3@aol.com*

*CLOSING HYMN #553

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE.

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Happy Trails... Until We Meet Again”

- Unless otherwise listed all hymns and responses come from the New Century Hymnal

SUNDAY ROSTER

Reflection - Linda Gooley

Virtual Coordinator - Chad Frost

Music Coordinator - Brandon Frost

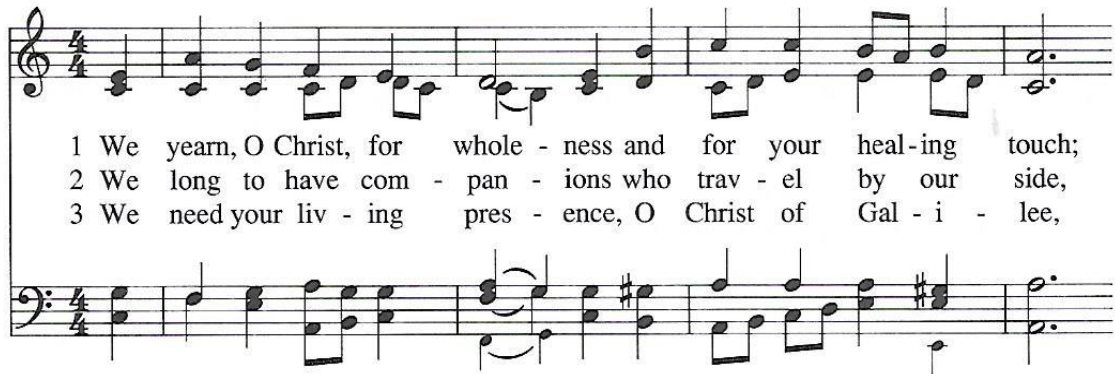
Piano/Keyboard – Chuck Byam

Liturgist - Troy Arient

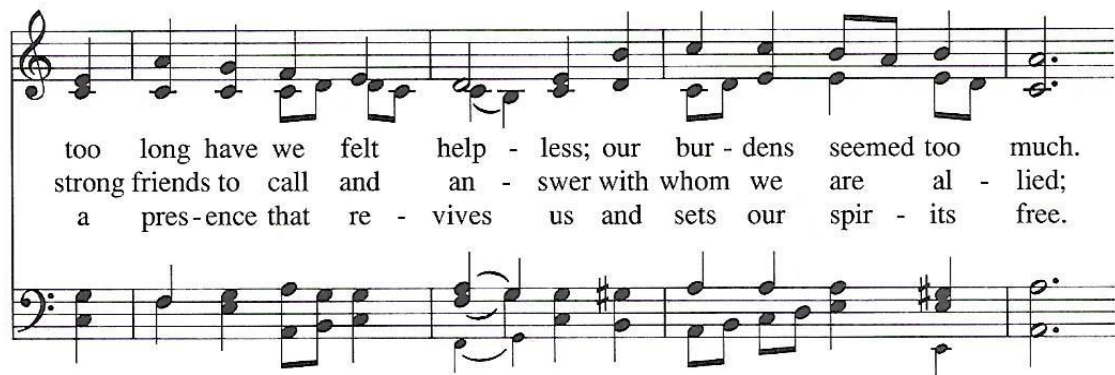
We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993



1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Psalm 103:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Luke 13:10-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.*

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl - edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.