



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Homemade Bread”
7th Sunday of Easter
May 24, 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

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor
Ellen Robinson, Reflection
Jeannette Len, Office Administrator
Nicole Finney, Child Care
Sue Sackett, Custodian
Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus

Judy Nielsen, Organist
Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director
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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

One: In a world filled with violence and war,

Many: We gather to celebrate the promise of peace

One: In a world filled with injustice

Many: We gather to celebrate the promise of justice for all

One: In a world filled with hunger and greed

Many: We gather to celebrate the promise of enough for all

One: In a world filled with the unseen enemy of virus'

Many: We gather to celebrate the promise of health

*OPENING HYMN #591

“This Is My Song”

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

*COLLECT PRAYER

One: Let us pray

Many: God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“An American Trio”

SUNG OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

“Sing God a Simple Song”
(sung by Sarah Robinson)

Bernstein

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

REFLECTION

“Homemade Bread”

Ellen Robinson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Such Good Luck”

John Lunn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms and safety, we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women, our first responders, nurses, doctors and all medical personnel in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they go into battle for our protection. We also remember their families that sacrifice as well. We ask for your blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces and health care providers be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord to accomplish each task. Let our brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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 #594

“How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies”

(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 – Ellen Robinson

Special Music – Sarah Robinson

Virtual Coordinator - Chad Frost

Music Coordinator - Brandon Frost

Piano/Keyboard – Chuck Byam

Liturgist – Troy Arient

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

Miriam Therese Winter, 1993; Adapted from
 "America the Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am - ber waves of grain;
 2 In - dig - e-nous and im - mi - grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
 3 How beau-ti-ful, sin - cere la - ment, the wis - dom born of tears,
 4 How beau-ti-ful, two con - ti - nents, and is - lands in the sea

our pur - ple moun-tains as they rise a - bove the fruit - ful plain.
 O may we nev - er rest con-tent till all are tru - ly one.
 the cour-age called for to re - pent the blood-shed through the years.
 that dream of peace, non - vi - o - lence, all peo - ple liv - ing free.

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God's gra - cious gifts a - bound,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God grant that we may be
 A - mer - i - cas! A - mer - i - cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a - round.
 a sis - ter - hood and broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 a na - tion blessed with none op - pressed, true land of lib - er - ty.
 a hem - i - sphere where peo - ple here all live in har - mo - ny.