



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“Thank You, Congregation!”

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m. 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	Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director
Larry Patterson, Office Administrator	Chuck Byam, Organist
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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.
As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door.
We ask that you wear a mask and social distance from others not in your family or pod.*

If you are new to our church or do not receive email updates from us, please share your name and contact information with us by contacting us: office@grandledgeucc.org

MOMENT FOR CENTERING

GREETING

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

Many: And also with you.

INTRODUCTIONS

BELLS/CHIMES

ADVENT SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Adaptation vs 1

O come and be the hope in all our lives
Though chaos and confusion still survive
We know the path of hate all too well
We need our God with us, Emmanuel!
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

CANDLE OF HOPE

Deb Dennis, May Clark,
Fay Schroeder

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE FIRST PART OF OUR STORY

Rich Brown

THANKSGIVINGS

Rich Brown, Pastor Laura, Mary Lou Prevost
Linda Gooley, Karen Holcomb-Merrill

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Thessalonians 3:9 & 11-13 NRSV (1095)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Now may our God and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may She so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #181

“You Are Salt for the Earth, o People”

THE SECOND PART OF OUR STORY

Rich Brown

THANKSGIVINGS

Rich Brown, Pastor Laura
Matilda and Hilde Oatman,
Bil Turner, Charlene Avery

SUNG BLESSING #325

“Child of Blessing”

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.**

PASSING OF GRATITUDE

ANTHEM

“Love Grows Here”
(Chancel Choir)

THE THIRD PART OF OUR STORY

Rich Brown

THANKSGIVINGS

Anita Calcagno, Lynn Hart
Leah Horn, Lisa Reed

OFFERING MOMENT

(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, please give what you can by mail or through prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart hartacre3@aol.com)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God To Whom All Blessings Flow”

DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

Many: Our offering is a faith statement. By offering our treasure to God, we believe that what we do here in this church does make a difference in this world and that by this offering we will hasten the day when the lame shall leap for joy, the blind shall see, and that scarcity and deprivation will exist only in our memories.

CLOSING REMARKS & BENEDICTION

Chuck Byam

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

“The Little Brown Church In the Vale”

(Chuck Byam)

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Storyteller – Rich Brown

Singer -Kelly Sandula-Gruner

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit- y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

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