



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Seventh Sunday of Easter ***May 29, 2022***



Worship Leader

John Mardis

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço

Guest Preacher

Rev. Leonard Harmon

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço

Greeting

***Call to Worship** John Mardis

Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before,

People: You are welcomed by Christ here.

Leader: For those who have been turned away,

People: Christ is opening the door for you.

Leader: For those who have been forgotten,

People: God cannot forget you, for God made you.

Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.

People: You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ.

***Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* #217 (Red - Pilgrim)

Children's Lesson Abbie Chronister

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço

***Doxology** No. 515 (Pilgrim - red)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28-36

Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* #182 (Black - NCH)

Sermon "We All Need Mountaintops" Rev. Leonard Harmon

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that often our eyes are blind and our ears deaf to your call. When you reach out to us, we miss your truth. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us up so we can go back down to whatever it is that you call us to do.

***Closing Hymn**

Higher Ground

#442 (Black - NCH)

***Benediction**

Leader: As we go from this place, we remember this: No matter where we walk, God is with us.

People: As we travel through the deepest valleys and struggle to the highest mountains, Christ walks with us.

Leader: We take heart in the fact, wherever we go, Christ has been.

People: So shall it ever be.

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço

* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

*Childcare is provided after the Children's Message through the end of service.
We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Children's Message.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 2nd - Consensus Building in the Church

A Webinar Opportunity from the UCC on June 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.--come to the church at 5:50 to participate, Root beer floats and interesting conversations for all who come!

See Tidings for more information.

June 5th - Pentecost Sunday & Picnic

We are resuming our outside worship service and picnic this year, and will hold it at the church.

Worship will begin at 10:30am followed by the picnic. The church will provide the chicken and drinks and everyone who is able is asked to bring a side or dessert to share. We always enjoy a great day of worship and fellowship...come join us!