



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023



**Worship Leader**

Paul Greene

**Mini Message**

Gina Greene

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Guest Preacher**

John Mardis

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Introit</b>		
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Paul Greene
<b>*Call to Worship</b>	(Working Together for the Kingdom of God)	Paul Greene
Leader:	Beauty before us – beauty behind me;	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are connected to God thru the beauty of creation.</b>	
Leader:	Beauty around us- beauty within us:	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are connected to God thru the wonderful beauty of our making.</b>	
Leader:	The beauty of God's people – the beauty of God's Church;	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are connected to God thru His care for His children.</b>	
Leader:	Beauty is God's blessing. Love is God's blessing.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are connected to God when we love as God loves.</b>	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Praise God from whom all blessing and all beauty flows.</b>	
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b>		Paul Greene
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>The Lord is Rich and Merciful</i>	#328 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Gina Greene
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Paul Greene
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Children of God</i>	#533 (NCH - Black)
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 25:31–40	Paul Greene
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Dilemma"</i>	John Mardis

**Closing Hymn**

*The Voice of God is Calling*

#426 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Benediction**

John Mardis

**Postlude**

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* You are invited to Stand

*Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.*

*We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the  
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.*

*After church, you will be able to pick up your kids in the church basement.*