



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday after Pentecost *June 26, 2022*



* The cover photo is entitled 'Potluck Mural,' painted by David Fichter and located in Cambridge, MA

Worship Leader

Anne Hoekstra

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço

Guest Preacher

Rev. James Altenbaumer

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** *Psalm 84:1, 3-4* Anne Hoekstra

Leader: How lovely is the dwelling place of the LORD of hosts!
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at the altars of our God! Happy are those who dwell in the house of God, singing God's praise!

***Hymn** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* #459 (Black - NCH)

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

God of grace and Fountain of every blessing,
tune our lives this morning.
Tune our mouths to sing Your praise.
Tune our eyes to see the need of our neighbors.
Tune our ears to receive Your word.
Tune our minds to receive new thoughts.
Tune our souls to vibrate with the melody
of the life of Jesus Christ, in whose name we gather. Amen.

Children's Lesson Anne Hoekstra

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**

Hymn *Savior, Who Dying Gave* #452 (Black - NCH)

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

“The church that no longer hears the essential message of the Scriptures soon ceases to understand what it is for and is open to be captured by the dominant religious philosophy of the moment, which is usually some blend of cultural nationalism with Christianity.” James D. Smart

Sermon

Rev. James Altenbaumer

***Closing Hymn**

This Is My Song

#591 (Black - NCH)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço

* Please rise in body or spirit

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

Childcare for students up to 5th grade 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.