



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023



Worship Leader

Craig Mahood

Mini Message

Nancy Mahood

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Guest Preacher

Rev. Jim Altenbaumer

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

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-Feld

Welcome & Announcements Craig Mahood

Call to Worship Craig Mahood

Leader: All you that are righteous, shout for joy for what the LORD has done;
Praise God, all you that are obedient.

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of God!

Leader: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of God!

Leader: For the word of God is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

People: Let us worship our faithful, loving God!

*** Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Craig Mahood

Immortal, invisible God, you reveal Yourself to us in Jesus Christ. We bid You in Christ's name, come among us now. In our search for meaning, Christ is our guide. In our confusion and questioning, Christ is our answer. In our life's journey, Christ is our destination. In our fear, Christ is our hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we worship You now with thanks and praise. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #1 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns Craig Mahood

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jim Altenbaumer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Mini-Message Nancy Mahood

Special Music Joley Seitz & Ellie Gavin

Invitation to Offertory Craig Mahood

Offertory Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Craig Mahood
Scripture Lesson	Romans 8:14-27	Craig Mahood
*Hymn of Hope	<i>O for a World</i>	#575 (NCH - Black)
Message	<i>“Hope Does Not Disappoint”</i>	Rev. Altenbaumer
*Closing Hymn	<i>Creator God, Creating Still</i>	#278 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand