



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *October 16, 2022*



Mini-Message

Paul Greene

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Rev. Janice Springer

Worship Leader

Evie Waack

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	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i> arr. Jeffrey Honoré	Touch of Brass Handbells Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Evie Waack
Call to Worship		Evie Waack
One: We could have done many other things this morning. But we chose to come here to join this good community, to hear the holy Word, to remember what is important, to worship the God who brings life. In this hour, Creator Spirit, we ask that you would		
All: awaken us to your presence, open us to your love call us to your peace, empower us for your service		
One: so that when we go from this place, we can		
All: live without fear, love with abandon, serve with compassion.		
One: For this we come. Let us worship together.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	#8 (NCH - Black)
Prayer		Rev. Janice Springer
Scripture		Isaiah 55: 1-2, 12-13
Mini-Message		Paul Greene
Gospel		John 8:1-11
Choral Anthem	<i>This is a Place for Healing Grace</i>	Chancel Choir by Heather Sorenson
Message	“We are Not Yet Out of Grace”	Rev. Springer
*Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#547 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Evie Waack
Invitation to Offertory		Evie Waack
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Evie Waack

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Springer

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Springer

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.

Unison Prayer

Rev. Springer

Gracious God, you have called us to serve you. May we go into this week with your love in our hearts, your strength in our wills. Empower us to share with all we meet the grace that you have given to us. We offer all that we are, ego and soul, body and spirit, head, hands and heart as tools for your work. Amen.

HymnYou Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

#173 (NCH - Black)

Benediction**Postlude**

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand

(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.

Both our scriptures today are models of grace---the goodness that comes to us whether we've earned it or not. Listen for examples of grace in our readings. We also think about expectations...the expectations we have that get in our way. Let us pray.

Holy One,

We want the world and our family to meet our expectations, and that keeps us from seeing the grace that you give so abundantly. Free us from our expectation, our plans and agendas, so that we can be open to your grace. Amen.