



First Congregational

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Picnic Sunday



June 2, 2024

Worship Leader
Cliff Highnam

Mini Message
Rev. Brad Braley

Director of Music
Luke Overton

Guest Preacher
Rev. Brad Braley

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.*

Gathering Song	<i>"Sanctuary"</i> (sing twice)	(See Page 3)
Welcome and Announcement		Cliff Highnam
Call to Worship		Cliff Highnam
Leader: God above us— trees, birds and sunshine, stars and moonlight-		
People: God above us.		
Leader: God beneath us—earth, rocks and rivers, roots and caverns—		
People: God beneath us.		
Leader: God around us— seas, winds and rains; plants, animals and people -		
People: God around us.		
Leader: God within us— hope, tears and fears; love, laughter and wonder -		
People: God within us.		
Leader: God above us, God beneath us, God around us, God within us,		
People: we celebrate that you made us, you love us, you are with us, and you call us to work and rest with you this morning and at all times.		
Opening Prayer		Cliff Highnam
We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste fresh summer foods, and rejoice in the feel of sand and water, and smell new life bursting forth.		
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even a common bush is aflame with your glory for us, as it was to Moses. Open our minds and hearts to your glory all around us, Lord, as we worship you today. Amen.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>"Morning Has Broken"</i>	(See Page 4)
Joys and Concerns		Cliff Highnam
Prayers of the People		Rev. Brad Braley
Call for Offering		Cliff Highnam
Offertory		
*Doxology		
*Dedication prayer		Cliff Highnam
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</i>	Rev. Brad Braley
New Testament Lesson	<i>Mark 2:23-3:6</i>	Rev. Brad Braley
Mini-Message	<i>Little Rock</i>	Rev. Brad Braley

Song

“God’s Got the Whole World in God’s Hands”

1. God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.
2. God’s got the wind and the rain in God’s hands.
3. God’s got the boys and the girls in God’s hands.
4. God’s got the men and the women in God’s hands.
5. God’s got everyone here in God’s hands.

Prayer for Illumination

Message

“Happy Birthday Church - Every Day!”

Rev. Braley

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion

Rev. Braley

Eucharistic prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Braley

Blessing of the Communion Elements

Distribution of Communion and Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Prayer (after distribution) Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all creation so that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

***Commissioning and Blessing**

“Where Is the Church?”

(by Ann Weems)

Sanctuary

Words and Music by
John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

♩ = 46

D/A Em/A D A

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

3 G Em7 D A F#m/A Em/A D

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

6 A G Em7 F#m/A A7 D

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird have spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation Of the new day!