



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



**August 4, 2024**

**Worship Leader**  
Greg Hoekstra

**Mini Message**  
Anne Hoekstra

**Director of Music**  
Luke Overton

**Senior Pastor**  
Brandyn Miller

**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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Panic Angelicus</i> - César Franck	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Greg Hoekstra
<b>*Call to Worship</b> (Based on John 6:35)		Greg Hoekstra
Leader:	Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are hungry for the bread of heaven.</b>	
Leader:	Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are hungry for eternal life.</b>	
Leader:	Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."	
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.</b>	
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	#42 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Brandyn Miller
	<b>God of forgiveness and new beginnings, you feed our hearts with compassion, and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As Jesus fed the hungry crowds, knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven, fill us with your generous spirit and make us one with Christ. Amen.</b>	
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	Cliff Highnam, dulcimer Hudson Lourenço-Feld, piano
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Anne Hoekstra
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Greg Hoekstra
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Greg Hoekstra
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	<i>Exodus 16:2-4; 9-15</i>	Greg Hoekstra
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	<i>John 6:24-35</i>	Greg Hoekstra
Leader:	This is the word of the Lord	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Manna to Messiah: The Bread of Life"</i>	Brandyn Miller

**\*Hymn of Response** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #288 (Pilgrim - Red)

**Joys & Concerns** Greg Hoekstra

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (unison) Brandyn Miller

**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.**

## COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

**All: Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

**Quilt Presentation** Barb Berry

**\*Parting Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #272 (Pilgrim - Red)

**\*Benediction** Brandyn Miller

**Postlude** From *Thy Throne So High* - Christopher W. Von Gluck Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* Please Rise in Body or Spirit