



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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CONGREGATIONAL

August 11, 2024

Worship Leader

Barb Mardis

Mini Message

Gina Greene

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.*

Prelude		Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Barb Mardis
*Call to Worship (<i>based on Psalm 34</i>)		Barb Mardis
Leader: Let us bless the Lord at all times;		
People: God's praise shall continually be upon our lips.		
Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;		
People: Let us exalt the Lord's name together.		
Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;		
People: happy are those who take refuge in God.		
Leader: Come, let us worship God!		
*Opening Hymn	<i>God is Truly with Us</i>	#68 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (responsive)		Brandyn Miller
Pastor: God we come before You, seeking Your grace to transform our lives.		
People: Help us to put aside falsehood and embrace truth, speaking words that build up rather than tear down.		
Pastor: May we be quick to forgive, as You have forgiven us, and cultivate kindness and tenderness in our hearts.		
People: We long to live in the light of Your love, reflecting Your image to the world.		
Pastor: Empower us to overcome bitterness and anger, replacing them with compassion and understanding.		
People: May Your Spirit renew our minds, enabling us to walk in love as Christ loved us. Amen		
Mini-Message		Gina Greene
Special Music	<i>God's For Real, Man</i> - Kent Schneider	John Mardis
Invitation to Offertory		Barb Mardis
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Barb Mardis

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Barb Mardis

Leader:

This is the word of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God!

Message

“A Fragrant Offering”

Brandyn Miller

***Hymn of Response**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#403 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns

Barb Mardis

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.

***Parting Hymn**

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

#406 (Pilgrim - Red)

***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Postlude

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit