



First Congregational

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



US LIKE THAT

August 18, 2024

Worship Leader

Brandyn Miller

Mini Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Guest Pastor

Rev. Amy Wiles

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	<i>A Gospel Prelude</i> - Charles Callahan	Hudson Lourenço-Feld and Anne Hoekstra
Welcome and Announcements		Brandyn Miller
*Call to Worship		Brandyn Miller
Leader:	Cursed is the one who trusts in human strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.	
People:	But blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in God.	
Leader:	They are like trees planted by the water that send out roots by the stream.	
People:	They do not fear when heat comes; their leaves are always green.	
Leader:	In the year of drought they are not anxious, nor do they cease to yield fruit.	
People:	Let us come before the Lord, the source of living water. Let us trust in God, the eternal rock, and find our strength in God's steadfast love.	
Together:	Let us worship the Lord, our hope and our salvation.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>Great Spirit God</i> (vs. 1-4)	#341 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (responsive)		Brandyn Miller
	Loving Creator, we gather before You with hearts filled with both gratitude and need. Like anxious birds and worried lilies, we often find ourselves consumed by cares for tomorrow.	
	Yet, You invite us to trust in Your unwavering love and provision.	
	We confess our tendency to worry, Lord. Release us from the bondage of anxiety and replace it with a steadfast faith in Your promises.	
	Help us to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, knowing that You will supply our every need.	
	As we come together in this place, fill us with Your Spirit and open our hearts to Your Word.	
	May Your presence be felt among us, and may Your peace reign supreme. Amen.	
Mini-Message		Brandyn Miller
Special Music	<i>Invocation to the Trinity</i>	Seth and the Elders
Invitation to Offertory		Brandyn Miller
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)

*Prayer of Dedication		Brandyn Miller
New Testament Reading	Matthew 6:25-27, 34	Brandyn Miller
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Brandyn Miller
Leader:	This is the word of the Lord	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Message	<i>“Loving Us Like That”</i>	Rev. Amy Wiles
*Hymn of Response	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#473 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Brandyn Miller
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)		Rev. Wiles
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	<i>Just as I Am</i>	#207 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Rev. Wiles
Postlude		Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*Children are welcome to worship with their families
(Activity bags are available at the back of the Sanctuary).*