



First Congregational

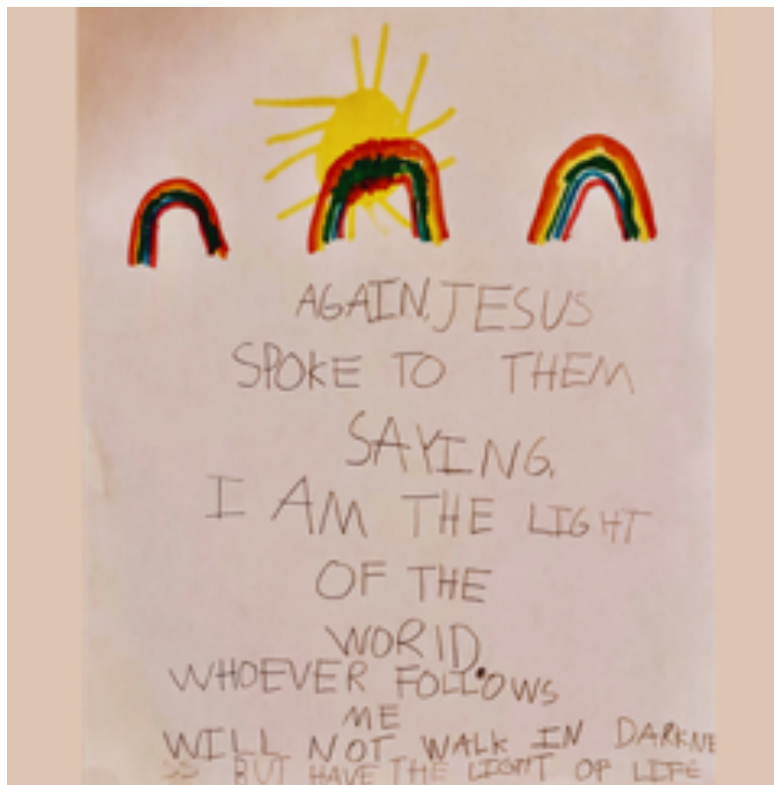
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 8, 2024

Worship Leader

John Mardis

Mini Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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
Introit		Touch of Brass
Welcome and Announcements		John Mardis
*Call to Worship		Ada Brock
Ada:	As we come to worship, let's open our hearts to God.	
People:	We come ready to join together as one family in Christ.	
Ada:	God invites us to learn, grow, and follow Him.	
People:	We are here to listen, to learn, and to share God's love with one another.	
Ada:	As we start a new year of worship and learning, let's trust God to guide us.	
People:	We enter this time with joy, ready to join in worship and share in God's blessings.	
Ada:	Come, let's worship the Lord, who brings us together and leads us forward.	
People:	We worship with open hearts, united in God's love, ready to share God's grace with the world.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>To You, O God, All Creatures Sing</i> (vs. 1-4)	#17 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation		Eli Lennox
Eli:	Loving and Faithful God, as we gather at the beginning of this new ministry year, we come with hearts full of anticipation and hope. We invite Your presence into this place, asking that You guide us, inspire us, and lead us in all that we do. We ask for Your blessing on our work, our worship, and our learning together. May this year be one of growth in faith, deepening of relationships, and a renewed commitment to serve You and one another. Open our hearts to the movement of Your Spirit, and help us to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead with courage and grace.	
ALL:	We dedicate this ministry year to You, O God, and ask that all we do be for Your glory. May our efforts bring us closer to You and to each other, as we work together to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.	
Choral Anthem		Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		John Mardis
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		John Mardis
Mini-Message		Brandyn Miller

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:18-19
Romans 12:4-6a

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“New Things”

Brandyn Miller

***Hymn of Response**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#347 (NCH - Black)

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.

Joys & Concerns

John Mardis

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

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**

Renew Your Church

#311 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Postlude

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit