



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Mini Message
Brandyn Miller

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Hudson Lourenço-Feld

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Anita Altenbaumer
*Call to Worship		Anita Altenbaumer
Leader:	As we gather here today, let us remember the words of the Lord from the prophet Jeremiah. God calls us to seek the peace and prosperity of our community.	
People:	We will build, plant, and grow, trusting in God's plans for us.	
Leader:	The Lord says, "I know the plans I have for you—plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."	
People:	We trust in God's promise and come to seek Him with all our hearts.	
Leader:	God invites us to call on Him, to come and pray, and that He will listen.	
People:	With hopeful hearts, we come to worship, knowing that God will be found by us.	
Leader:	Let us worship the Lord, who holds our future and guides us through every season.	
People:	We lift our hearts in praise, trusting in God's unfailing love and grace.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	#403 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Brandyn Miller
	Almighty God, we come before You with gratitude for Your promises and Your guidance. As we gather to worship, open our hearts and minds to Your presence. Teach us to seek the peace and prosperity of our communities and to trust in Your plans for our lives. May our worship today be a reflection of our commitment to You and a beacon of hope for those around us. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.	
Choral Anthem		Chancel Choir
Mini-Message		Brandyn Miller
Invitation to Offertory		Anita Altenbaumer
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Anita Altenbaumer
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14	Anita Altenbaumer
Leader:	This is the word of the Lord	
All:	Thanks be to God!	

Message	<i>“What is Our Salvation For?”</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Hymn of Response	<i>Now Is the Time Approaching</i>	#609 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Anita Altenbaumer
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	<i>Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless</i>	#461 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Brandyn Miller
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.
We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.*