



# First Congregational

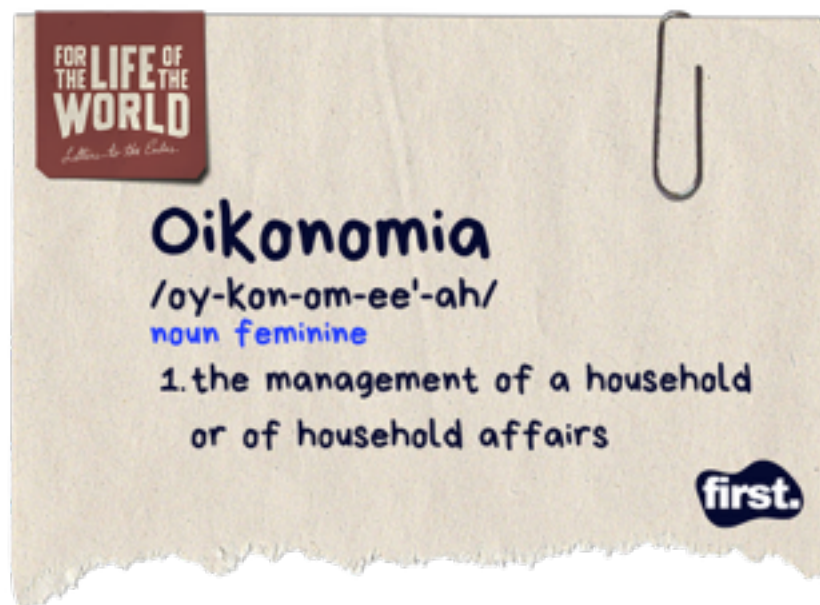
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## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**September 22, 2024**

**Worship Leader**

Paul Greene

**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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Romance</i> - Denis Bédard	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Paul Greene
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Paul Greene
Leader: In the boundless love of God, we are redeemed and chosen.		
<b>People: Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving and praise.</b>		
Leader: We are made a light for the world, a beacon of hope in the darkness.		
<b>People: Let us shine forth with the radiance of Christ's love.</b>		
Leader: In the riches of God's grace, we are heirs to eternal life.		
<b>People: Let us live our lives as testimonies to the glory of God.</b>		
Leader: Let us gather in worship, united by faith and hope.		
<b>People: Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts and voices.</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>This Little Light/This Joy I Have</i>	#524 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Brandyn Miller
<b>Heavenly Father, we come before Your throne with gratitude and awe. In Your boundless love, You have redeemed us from the depths of sin and made us Your children. You have chosen us, not because of our worthiness, but because of Your sovereign grace. May our lives shine forth with the radiance of Your love, reflecting Your glory to all who see. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, empowering us to live worthy lives. We come before You now, seeking Your presence and guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</b>		
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> arr. Moses Hogan	Chancel Choir
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ephesians 1:7-10 & Matthew 5:13-16	Paul Greene
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
<b>All: Thanks be to God!</b>		
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Oikonomia"</i>	Brandyn Miller

**\*Hymn of Response** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* #459 (NCH - Black)

**Joys & Concerns** Paul Greene

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** *Be Thou My Vision* #391 (Pilgrim - Red)

**\*Benediction** Brandyn Miller

**Postlude** *Chaconne in g minor* - L Couperin 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.*