



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 29, 2024

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Mini Message
Brandyn Miller

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Hudson Lourenço-Feld

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Michelle Wolfe

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

Prelude	" <i>I'll Fly Away</i> " arr Mark Hayes	Anne Hoekstra, piano
Welcome and Announcements		Greg Hoekstra
*Call to Worship		Greg Hoekstra
Leader:	Come, let us gather in the presence of our faithful God, the One who calls us, just as He called Abram, With a promise: "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you."	
People:	We come as people blessed by God, not because of our worthiness, but because of His boundless love and grace.	
Leader:	God has blessed us not for our sake alone, but so that we might be a blessing to others, reflecting God's goodness to the world.	
People:	We come with open hearts and willing hands, ready to receive and to share, to bless others as we have been blessed.	
Leader:	Let us worship our God, who blesses us so we may be a blessing, and sends us forth to be a light to the nations.	
All:	We worship You, O Lord, with gratitude and purpose, blessed to be a blessing in Your name.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>We Are Your People</i>	#309 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Brandyn Miller
	Almighty God, You are the everlasting God, who called Abram and established a covenant with him. As we gather in Your presence, we seek to walk faithfully before You. Strengthen us to live as Your covenant people, trusting in Your promises and reflecting Your love. Be with us now as we worship You, O God, and renew our commitment to follow You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.	
Choral Anthem	" <i>Love at Home</i> " arr Robert Manookin	Chancel Choir
Mini-Message		Brandyn Miller
Invitation to Offertory		Greg Hoekstra
Offertory	" <i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i> " David Cherwien	Anne Hoekstra, organ
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Greg Hoekstra
Scripture Reading	Genesis 17:1-7	Greg Hoekstra
	Leader: This is the word of the Lord	
	All: Thanks be to God!	

Message	<i>“Designed to be a Gift”</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Hymn of Response	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	#404 (Pilgrim - Red)
Joys & Concerns		Greg Hoekstra
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>What a Covenant</i>	#471 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Brandyn Miller
Postlude	<i>“Fanfare”</i> Nicolas Jacques Lemmens	Anne Hoekstra, organ

* 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.*