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Reformation Sunday
A God's Eye View
October 27, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Elegi
Kajsa Teitelbaum, organ

E. Sjögren

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets



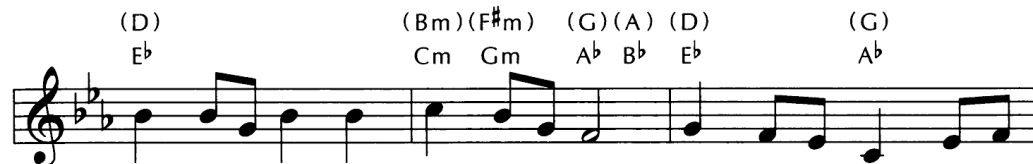
1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

*The asterisk is an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Linda Kowatch

God of Life, there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless and the skies gray and threatening. There are days when our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. And so we pray, Good Shepherd, lead us. Flood the path with your healing light. Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise, and tune our hearts to hear brave music. Give us a sense of communion with our siblings and the saints of every age, and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life. To your honor and glory, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Augustine (354-430)

MOMENT FOR ALL AGES

Breath Prayer

When I breathe in, I breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I breathe out love.

Children and Youth may go with Lianna to the Standish Room for a Service Project.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

A God's Eye View

HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See
(please remain seated)



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Linda Kowatch

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From *A New Zealand Book of Prayer*

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

OFFERTORY

Call on Him
Chancel Choir
Kajsa Teitelbaum, Director, Jessica Kressin, piano

J. Leavitt

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 451

Be Now My Vision

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

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SPECIAL OFFERING

Today and next Sunday, we are taking a special offering to provide emergency and long-term relief to those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. UCC Global HOPE is in regular communication with conference staff in the southeast, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (nvoad.org).



All funds will go to UCC Global Help. To give, use the QR Code or <https://onrealm.org/firstcong/give/hurricane>

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Our **toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners** start at 10:30 AM in the Toddler Room with for play, a story, and a simple snack. The Toddler Room is located in the lower level to the right of the stairs/elevator. New children are always welcome!

Elementary Children and Youth (K-12) will begin in the Sanctuary and may go with Lianna to the Standish Room for a service project partway through the service.

Join Us for a Spooky Halloween Organ Concert - Sunday, 10/27 at 6 PM

Join us at 6 PM for a thrilling organ performance by Dr. Kajsa Teitelbaum, with haunting poetry readings by Nancy Wade and Lianna Campos. Come in costume and receive a special treat at the door! Pre-concert family activities and dinner will begin at 4 PM in Plymouth Hall. Don't miss this family-friendly Halloween celebration! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/u8tz9ffd> for a digital postcard to share with your friends.

November Gratitude Calendar and Tree

Why limit Thanksgiving to one day of the year? Use the prompt for every day of the month to reflect on the many things you are thankful for. Pick up your copy on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

HAPPENING TODAY

Forum: Caring for One Another - Sunday, at 9:15 AM - Standish Room

"Fostering a caring community where everyone belongs" is Goal 3 of our strategic plan. When we see a need or hear a prayer request, what can you do? Talk about practical ways we can better care for one another! Linda Kowatch will facilitate the conversation with members of our visitation and care teams. We will explore ways we can care for one another through organized ministries, but also as individuals.

SEASON OF PRAYER

Prayer Booklets

Each week, during our Season of Prayer, you are invited to pick up a Prayer Booklet of Scripture, prayers, poetry, and art to prompt your reflection and accompany you through the week. If you have a reading or photograph you would like to contribute to this offering of edifying words and beauty, please send it to chris@firstcong.net. The booklets are available to you in print form in the Link or online at... <https://firstcong.net/a-season-of-prayer/>

Contemplative Prayer Worship – Wednesday, 10/30 from 6 to 6:45 PM - Chapel

Gather in the Chapel for a weekly service of silence, quiet singing, candlelight, and gentle community – a time to rest in God's presence, listen for Spirit's leading, and offer the prayers of your heart.

Prayer Walks - Continue Thursday, 10/31 at 3 PM, Chautauqua

Join church member Jane Ireland for a Prayer Walk. Meet in the Chautauqua parking lot below Chautauqua Auditorium. We pray for voters and elected leaders everywhere. You'll find more information about all the walks online at - <https://tinyurl.com/3y6s8rau>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindful Works: Enjoy Pastries and Meet Chef Maria Lorenzo, Sunday, 11/3 at 11:45 AM - Plymouth
Join our ministry partner Mindful Works and sample some of their new pastries! Preorder some just in time for Thanksgiving! Mindful Works is a social enterprise providing empowering work to individuals striving to overcome obstacles due to mental health challenges. (mindful-works.org)

Forum: Gun Owners for Safety - Sunday, 11/10 from 9:15 to 10:15 AM - Standish Room
Join the Gun Violence Prevention Ministry for discussion with gun owners, Stewart Leach, member of FCC, and Peter Gurfein & Emily Engelhaupt, Giffords Gun Owners for Safety, a group focused on common sense gun safety legislation and responsible gun ownership. Carol Young (ccyoung2010@gmail.com)

Newcomers Coffee - Sunday, 11/10 at 11:45 AM - Heritage Room
New to First Congregational Church, looking to learn more, and get better connected? Join some of ministers and leaders at FCC to find out about the many ways you can get involved, and if you're ready, to join us as a member during worship on Sunday, November 24. Childcare is available.

Pilgrimage to Selma/Montgomery - Information Meeting, Sunday, 11/10 at Noon - Standish Room
Join our Racial Justice Ministry on a pilgrimage to Alabama on March 17-21 to civil rights sites in Selma and Montgomery, and to learn about the work of the Equal Justice Initiative. Reflect with others on our country's deep history of racial violence and the ongoing movement for justice. (linda@firstcong.net).

Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations - Take the Survey by 11/15!
Our church is part of a 5 year study aimed at gathering critical information about the changes in the religious landscape since the COVID-19 pandemic. Researchers want to hear from you, members and friends, age 18 and older who attend First Congregational Church. Whether you are new to our church or a long-time participant, whether you attend in person or online or both, please take 10-15 minutes to fill it out. You can access it via the QR code or with the following link (<https://tinyurl.com/5n8dwx65>). Prefer a print version? Pick one up in the church office.



Fall Congregational Meeting of the Church - Sunday, 11/17 at Noon - Plymouth Hall
We will present the 2025 Target Budget, affirm Lianna's Call now that she is ordained, and discuss other new business. Everyone is welcome and members are strongly encouraged to participate in these important conversations about the future of our church. Childcare and children's activities provided.

Heartsaver First Aid CPR and AED Training - Friday, 11/20 at 9:15 AM - Grace Gallery
Join Kelly McDevitt from First Cong's Safety Team for this important emergency training, which include three hours of online learning and two hours of hands-on skills. This American Heart Association course trains participants to provide First Aid, CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner. There is a \$22 fee for the online learning component, but the rest is a gift to us from Kelly. Sign up to participate, use the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2a6u5mu7>



The flowers in the chancel today are from Deborah and Sarah Raessler in memory of their grandmother and great-grandmother, whose milk bucket holds the fall grasses and stems.

If you would like to donate **FLOWERS** for a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one for an upcoming Sunday service, please contact Anne Byrne 303-601-7671 (annebyrnehome@comcast.net).

We have a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM** in the Sanctuary which sends sound directly into a hearing aid/cochlear implant. Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. Or, in both the Sanctuary and Chapel, pocket-sized FM receivers are also available from the ushers. BYO earbuds or use the new ones provided. **WHEELCHAIRS** are also available, please ask an usher for assistance.