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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major, Op. 23 no. 4

Sergei Rachmaninoff

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of the Vulnerable,

In this time of fellowship, we acknowledge, that we have often yielded to the idolatry of individual strength at the expense of heart opening community. In this hour, as we rest in the awareness of our mutual need, remind us that just as your eye is on the sparrow, it is on each of us. In the capable hands of the Christed One we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34

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SOLO

Believe

Justin Michael Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may

not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood, as to understand,

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

PRAYER IN SONG I Would Be True verses 1 and 2

1 I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be
2 I would be friend of all, the foe, the friend-less; I would be
pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for
giv - ing, and for - get the gift; I would be hum - ble,
there is much to suf - fer; I would be brave, for
for I know my weak - ness; I would look up, and
there is much to dare, I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
laugh, and love, and live, I would look up, and laugh, and love, and live.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE AND DEDICATION

HYMN

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's
I'm hap-py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing - arr. by Lloyd Larson

YOUR GIVING

In this time when we are physically apart, the ministry of the church continues. Thank you for the ways we support each other. To make a payment on your pledge or a contribution to the church, you may:

Write a check to the church and mail it to First Congregational Church Boulder, 1128 Pine St. Boulder, CO 80302

To pay electronically, sign in to your account in Realm, the church's database, where you may make an ACH payment from your bank account or contribute by credit card.

Or contribute by Text-to-Give by texting to 73256 with the message joy2givefcc

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Following worship, meet church members and friends at a Zoom Party for a time of fellowship. (Bring your own coffee). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/349641499?pwd=OXZkYk0wVnpZU2hZdGxQeXY1TmN6Zz09#success>

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK | STARTING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 FROM 5:30 TO 6:45 PM - ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85077117000?pwd=dTFFa252VkVNVWlwYk1DQTVCSmJ3dz09#success>

Whether you are an experienced Bible Study participant or a beginner, you are invited to join this ongoing Bible study on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays facilitated by John Bisceglia. Bring your Bible as we begin our study of Mark, believed by many to be the first of the four Gospels written.

To join contact John's husband Keith keithlance@comcast.net

FROM ALLIES TO ABOLITIONISTS | SUNDAY, APRIL 11 AT NOON - ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87097841568?pwd=K21zRlRkRFJvL2pyV1k2Smp0dXFyUT09#success>

A Brave Conversation About Equity. On April 11 at noon, we will welcome Jeff Campbell of Denver's Emancipation Theater who will talk about the power of stories in the work of justice and what it takes to move from being an ally to being an abolitionist. In preparation for our time together, you're invited to view their project film A Message to the Mayor. Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 886 2010 8195 Passcode: JUSTICE

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION | SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Join us on April 18 as we celebrate Earth Day! Our Climate Action Team will lead us in worship, sharing personal reflections and prayers. We're also pleased to welcome Rev. Jim Antal, a retired UCC minister and author of Climate Church, Climate World, to lead a discussion about Creation Justice Churches at the forum at noon.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CRISIS FUND FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

If you are wanting to know where to contribute financially to support the families of those who were killed on Monday at King Soopers and the wider community in processing the violence, we have joined with the Community Foundation Boulder County in establishing a fund. To learn more and donate, click here...

<https://www.commfund.org/blog/community-foundation-announces-boulder-county-crisis-fund>.

NEWCOMERS COFFEE | SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - FOLLOWING 10:30 WORSHIP ON ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89330838569?pwd=ZEUyUk9Hbzh5MjE3Nk1NRUdZUm5oZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 3083 8569 Passcode: newcomer

Are you new to the First Congregational Church community, and looking to find out more and get better connected? Join members of the staff and folks from the Membership Committee for a special coffee hour. Bring your questions and learn more about the many ways you can get involved.

MINISTRY OF LAST THINGS FORUM | SUNDAY, APRIL 25 AT NOON ON ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85892934543?pwd=aWdPZVFLTXdmK0E5MjdqeVd1M3FEQT09#success>

Meeting ID: 858 9293 4543 Passcode: MLT

"Dementia: Part 1 — Planning to Serve our Loved Ones?" - A gift you can offer loved ones is to help them understand your wishes if you develop dementia and can't make decisions for yourself. What do you want them to know? What kind of medical support would you want or want to avoid? Join with members of the Ministry of Last Things in a discussion that will review some of the conversations and tools that can help you with this important part of planning.