

First Congregational Church UCC
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:00 am

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“✠” Invites all to stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)
from Worship and Reflection, CREDO UCC5, 2017

*People of God, the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Look about and see the faces of those we know and love—*

**Friends and colleagues, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.**

*People of God, the Spirit and the gifts are ours.
Look about and see the faces of those you want to know
better.*

**Children of God, each uniquely graced and gifted
by the Holy One.**

*People of God, the Spirit and the gifts are ours.
Look about and see images of God assembled here.*

**In me, in you, in each of us,
God’s Spirit shines for all to see.**

*People of God, let us risk loving one another. Let us risk
living as community, united in our Savior. Come, let us
worship together,*

For the Spirit and the gifts are ours!

✠ OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so
many talents and gifts to be used in your world.
You have given us these gifts because you trust
us to use them well — and you will be with us in
all our work. But we disappoint you when we
denigrate the value of the talents or become so
fearful of failure that we cannot risk, and so fail**

**to be a helping influence in this world. Lord,
forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have
given and to trust in your guidance in using them.
Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn,
apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give
us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus’
name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 25:14-30**
MESSAGE “The Talent Show” Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN **“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”** (printed)

SHARING AND CARING

- ☞ A TIME OF SHARING
- ☞ PRAYER (concluding with the Lord’s Prayer using
“debts” and “debtors”)

FAITH FOCUS Church Council

A TIME OF OFFERING
OFFERTORY

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Tune: Old Hundredth L.M.*

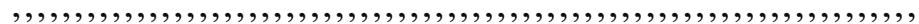
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one.**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

✠ SUNG RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsel guide uphold you,
With a shepherd’s love enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**



Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Congregational Singing Resumes.** The Deacon Board approved the singing of one hymn per Sunday—masks are required to join in the singing.
- ✓ **Trustees' Meeting** is this Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
- ✓ **Prayer Chain Begins Again.** Please contact the church office (605-892-3402) with your name and preferred phone number or email address. The new Prayer Chain will begin in November.
- ✓ **Advent begins November 29th.** We will decorate the church following worship next week (Nov. 22nd).
- ✓ **2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the back of the church.**

Please pray:

- **For the work of Global Ministries in the Philippines.** (For more about this ministry see www.globalministries.org/weekly_prayers)
- **For our Pilgrim ancestors who risked it all so that they could worship freely in a New World.** May God bless us as we honor their legacy by worshipping with truth and proclamation.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders, and the Rockerville Search.



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Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

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2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

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