

COMMISSIONING & SENDING

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✝ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

✝ POSTLUDE

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**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."*
- ✓ **Today is Delaney Campbell's last Sunday** with us. Help us wish her well in her new life and career in Florida.
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Blaine Anderson.**
- ✓ **Church Council meeting is this Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.**
- ✓ **Ice Cream in the Park...and a band!** Join us as we listen to the tunes of the Northern Hills Band this Wednesday beginning at 7pm in Herrmann Park.

**Please pray:**

- **For musicians,** may you O Lord, inspire us through their service to praise you through voice and spirit.
- **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.



# First Congregational United Church of Christ



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**Sunday, July 21, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) [*Connections, Year B, vol. 2*]

In Christ, you who were far off  
have been brought near by the flesh of Christ,

**He is our peace.**

In Christ, we are no longer strangers.

**We are all members of the household of God.**

In Christ, we are built together spiritually  
into a dwelling place for God.

**Let us worship God, in whom we dwell.**

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN **CH #16**

***"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*from Book of Common Worship, 1995*]

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and  
freedom, of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world as agents  
of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hear the good news!*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and always shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

R: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL LESSON

**Mark 6:53-56**

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

**CH #97**

***"Fairest Lord Jesus"***

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

**CH #56**

***"For The Beauty of the Earth"***

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and we want to bid her farewell.

We thank her for her service among us, in working with our choir, the special music offerings, and her providing music for our services. We know that her time among us was all too short, yet we wish her well as she answers to call to married life in Florida, and new service in her teaching music in the public schools there.

Delaney, in baptism our Lord Jesus Christ put his name on you and received you into his church. We have rejoiced to welcome you into our fellowship in the gospel; into this community of faith.

In our time together, you have been nurtured as you have heard the good news of God's saving love. You have been nourished at Christ's table and sent out to be Christ's witness in the world.

We know that God has blessed you and has made you a blessing in our life together during this time.

**You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss your love and support, your talents and joy, yet we rejoice that you will now bless others as you have blessed us.**

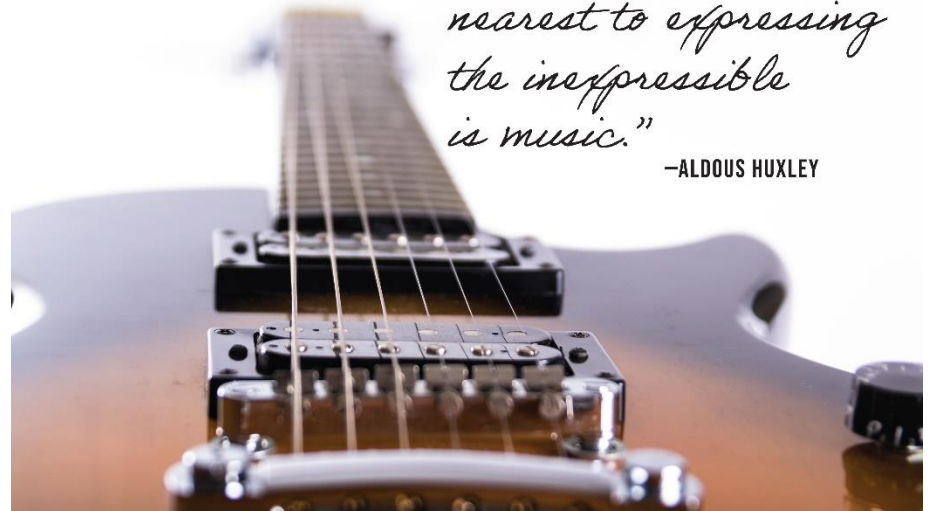
Let us pray:

**Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Delaney through all her days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may she be salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead her to new ministries, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.**

Following our service, may you go in the peace of Christ. Amen.

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