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SUNDAY • AUGUST 8, 2021

First Congregational Church of St. Louis
United Church of Christ
An Open & Affirming Congregation

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Restrooms are located down the hall on the main floor.

All Gender Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (which is accessible).

Changing tables are located in the Nursery on the main floor and at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Bolded text is an invitation for the congregation to read or sing in unison.

For everyone's health and safety:

- Masks are required for everyone ages 5 and over while indoors.
- Please practice physical distancing.
- Ushers will not collect offerings. Instead, you may place your offerings in the baskets located in the Tower Room and Narthex.
- Children should sit with their parents in the pews. Children may get activities from the Playground and then return to the pews.
- At the conclusion of worship, attendees should exit the sanctuary promptly to avoid prolonged, close contact.
- Social hour following worship will be held without coffee or food on the Garth, weather permitting.

Our guest musician in worship this morning:

Amy Camie is a certified clinical musician, professional harpist, holistic research developer, speaker, recording artist, composer, and author. Her music is used throughout the country in hospitals, cancer centers and hospices as well as for general relaxation and stress reduction. Her inspired music relaxes the body, calms the mind, and gently touches the soul. For more information, visit: www.AmyCamie.com

Worship August 8, 2021

Bells Calling to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Gratitude"

Kim Robertson

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When we think of God's presence in the world,
we are grateful.

People: Friends, we know what God desires of us.

Leader: And when we think of God's presence in our lives,
we are humbled.

People: Friends, we know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with God

Leader: When we think of God's presence in this community,
we are glad.

People: Friends, remember that now is always the right time
to do these things. So with thanks in our hearts,
let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus, as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

***Passing of the Peace**

Solo

"Panis Angelicus" *Text by Thomas Aquinas,
music by César Franck*

*May the Bread of Angels become bread for everyone;
Oh, miracle! The body of the Lord nourishes the poor and humble.*

Scripture John 6:35, 41-51 (The Passion Translation)

Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life.
Come every day to me and you will never be hungry.
Believe in me and you will never be thirsty.
When the Jews who were hostile to Jesus heard him say,
"I am the Bread that came down from heaven,"
they immediately began to complain,
"How can he say these things about himself?
We know him, and we know his parents.
How dare he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Jesus responded, “Stop your grumbling!
The only way people come to me is by the Father who sent me
he pulls on their hearts to embrace me.
And those who are drawn to me,
I will certainly raise them up in the last day.”
Jesus continued, “It has been written by the prophets,
‘They will all be taught by God himself.’ If you are really listening
to the Father and learning directly from him, you will come to me.
For I am the only One who has come from the Father’s side,
and I have seen the Father!
I speak to you living truth: Unite your heart to me and believe—
and you will experience eternal life! I am the true Bread of Life.
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert and died.
But standing here before you is the true Bread that comes out of
heaven, and when you eat this Bread you will never die.
I alone am this living Bread that has come to you from heaven.
Eat this Bread and you will live forever.
The living Bread I give you is my body,
which I will offer as a sacrifice so that all may live.”

Spiritual Reflection

"Wonder Bread Jesus"

Dr. Sarah Bereza

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of our Savior

Our Mother, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Solo

"All Things Are One"

Amy Camie

Blessing

Postlude

"Morning Has Broken" *Traditional Gaelic Melody*
Improvisation by Amy Camie

Please exit quietly or sit and listen to our postlude.

Thank you to those serving today.

Greeter: Bert Merrell

Liturgist: Ann Kittlaus

Music Ministry: Amy Camie, Megan Glass,
Andrew Ruben, Leila Sadat

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<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

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