

Instructions for the Service over Zoom

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

Recording this Service

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily, as well as a print version, on the [sermons page of the church website](#). The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday afternoon and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail.

A reminder to please put your zoom audio setting on mute upon entering the service.

Thank you!

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion
October 6, 2024 10:00AM
Reverend Elva Merry, Bridge Pastor
David Cavallin, Music Director**

PRELUDE

David Cavallin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Listen and hear, all you people of the book! There is one God who created all time and space.

People: **Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth. All creatures of the land and sea come from God's hand.**

Pastor: You shall love God with all your heart and soul. You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

People: **We will praise God as long as we live. We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**

Pastor: A second commandment is like the first: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: **God watches over strangers and widows and orphans. We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"There Are Some Things I May Not Know"

Black #405

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, our mind. We have not loved our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. And we have not loved ourselves and cared for our own truest needs.

Transform our shallowness, heal our wounded, broken places, and so fill us with your spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings us love that has no end, Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: People of God, hear the good news: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through him the world might be saved.

People: **We rejoice in our salvation, and celebrate the wonder of our Savior's love.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to pass the peace in whatever way is comfortable for you and your neighbors. Handshakes, waves, etc.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"This Is the Day"

Blue #590

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 26; Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 26

CEB

Establish justice for me, Lord,
 because I have walked with integrity.
 I've trusted the Lord without wavering.
 Examine me, Lord; put me to the test!
 Purify my mind and my heart.
 Because your faithful love is right in front of me—
 I walk in your truth!
 I don't spend time with people up to no good;
 I don't keep company with liars.
 I detest the company of evildoers,
 and I don't sit with wicked people.
 I wash my hands—they are innocent!
 I walk all around your altar, Lord,
 proclaiming out loud my thanks,
 declaring all your wonderful deeds!
 I love the beauty of your house, Lord;
 I love the place where your glory resides.

Don't gather me up with the sinners,
 taking my life along with violent people
 in whose hands are evil schemes,
 whose strong hands are full of bribes.
 But me? I walk with integrity.
 Save me! Have mercy on me!

My feet now stand on level ground.
 I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.

Job 19:23-27a

NRSV

O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
 For I know that my Redeemer lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
 whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

SERMON*"The Story of Job"*

Rev. Elva Merry

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

David Cavallin

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY INVITATION

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Black #776

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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of our fathers and mothers, bless these gifts we bring to your altar today. We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love. We pray that our lives will show that we understand the compassion you have for all people: near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your reign that is forever, and begins among us even now. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

HYMN OF APPROACH

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Black #332

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you, and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

***HYMN OF DEPARTURE**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blue #382

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

David Cavallin

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

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Following worship, please join us in Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, hosted by Sharon Tilbe.



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First Congregational Church of Southampton, UCC

Notice of All Church Meeting – October 20, 2024

The Designated Term Pastor Search Team of The First Congregational Church of Southampton, UCC will hold an all-church meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 11:15 AM directly after the Worship Service. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on raising the afore-approved 2021 Pastor salary from a range of \$65,000 to \$75,000 to a range of \$73,000 to \$83,000. This amount reflects an increase by the rate of inflation between 2021 and 2024. This increase is also in line with the preliminary updated 2024 UCC compensation guidelines.

Sharon Tilbe, Clerk