



First Congregational Church, UCC

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021

You are my help and deliverer: O God do not delay!
Psalm 70:5

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

A Rejoicing, by Alfred Fedak

GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Let your constant mercy, O God,
bring peace to your people.**

**We cannot continue without your presence,
so guide our life's journey and keep us
strong in your love.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6: 24-35
(see back page)

MESSAGE

THE MIXED MESSAGE OF METAPHOR

HYMN SOLO

Change My Heart, O God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...ending with the 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)

OFFERTORY THOUGHTS

Please place offerings in the stationary plates located in the Narthex as you leave today, thank you!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BLESSING AND SENDING

**Those who wish may stand.*

***CLOSING HYMN**
Hope of the World

**Those who wish may stand.*

Hope of the world, O
Hope of the world, who
Christ of the great com - pas - sion,
by the cross did save us,
speak to our fear - ful de -
from death and sad de -
hearts by con - flict torn.
spair, from sin and guilt,
Save us your peo - ple
We ren - der back the
from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
love your mer - cy gave us;
from false pur - suits through which our
take back our lives and use them
lives are worn.
as you will.

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POSTLUDE

The KINGSFOLD Trumpet, by Alfred Fedak

Today's Service

Rev. Tim Vander Haar	Pastor
John Mattson	Organist
Carol Beatty	Reader/Prayers of People
Ashley Klaassen	Cantor
Steve Kartes	Audio
Bruce Hood/Michael Match	Video

Sanctuary Flowers

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in memory of Charlie Toot and Chris Toot.*

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Today's Scripture Passage

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

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