

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 2020**

*I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
Incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Keep me as the apple of the eye;
guard me in the shadow of your wings.
Psalm 17:6,8*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

OPENING HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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.

**O God, our Creator, and source of all that is good.
You watch over us like a loving parent, guard us
under the shadow of your wings, and know us
better than we know ourselves. Remove the
blindness and relieve the fear that prevent us from
seeing those around us with the eyes of your love.
This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

MESSAGE RENDER UNTO CAESAR?

HYMN OF RESPONSE *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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

Invitation

Offertory Music

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.

Prayer of Dedication

BLESSING AND SENDING

CLOSING HYMN God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Announcements

Youth Worship: We hope that you are able to worship with us virtually, on your own schedule! Please share this with others and keep in touch with us! Here is a link to our Youth Worship Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Youth-Worship-at-First-Congregational-Church-258853638149298/?ref=page_internal

Remember The Saints Sunday, November 1: We invite you to remember our FCC family who have passed this last year (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020).

FCC Office Cell Phone Number: 231-260-8559. Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Weekly Calendar:

Sun Oct 18	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship
	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service
Mon Oct 19	6:30 pm	Virtual Governing Board Meeting
Tue Oct 20	11:00 am	Virtual Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	FCC Food Pantry
Wed Oct 21	9:00 am	Building Volunteers
	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship Activity
Sun Oct 25	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service

Weekly Scripture

SUN Oct 18 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

MON Oct 19 Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100:2-5; Luke 112:13-21

TUE Oct 20 Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85:8-13; Luke 12:35-38

WED. Oct 21 Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 12:39-48

THU Oct 22 Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-2, 18-19;
Luke 12:49-53;

FRI Oct 23 Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

SAT Oct 24 Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 13:1-9

SUN Oct 25 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Reformation Sunday
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46