



OCTOBER 17, 2021 · GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST CHURCH'S ELEVEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BEING AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION!

PRELUDE	Melita Dykes	Jeremy Hill
WELCOME		Deacon Rebecca Azer
TESTIMONY		Judy Oberg
• OPENING HYMN		Gather Us In <i>Page 4</i>
TESTIMONY		Peter & Martha Clark
OPENING PRAYER	First Church's Open and Affirming Statement	
	Adopted October 17, 2010 by unanimous congregational vote	
	We, as a diverse body of believers seeking to live in the light and image of God in Christ, do affirm:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That every person has worth as a special and unique creation made in God's image; • That in the spirit of love, openness, and inclusiveness we welcome persons of every sexual orientation, race, nationality, ability, age and gender to participate fully in all aspects of our Church's life and ministry; • That as agents of reconciliation and wholeness we embrace justice and seek to support all who suffer discrimination or who are disenfranchised from the religious and civic community; • That in light of the Gospel we will continue to comprehend and appreciate more fully our differences and gifts so that through grace, our love for God and neighbor may flourish. 	
TESTIMONY		Helen Crawford
WE SOUND THE BELL		
TESTIMONY		Lisa Willey & Diane Pennessi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, Sunday, October 17

- ♥ Worship, 10:00 am
- ♥ Deacon's Meeting, 11:30 am

Tuesday, October 19

- ♥ Church Office open 9-noon
- ♥ Jeannette's Closet 9-11 am
- ♥ Staff Meeting 9:30 am
- ♥ Prayer Group 1:30 pm
- ♥ Topics on Autism, 6 pm

Wednesday, October 20

- ♥ Church Office open 9-noon

Next Sunday, October 24

- ♥ Livestreamed Worship, 10 am
- ♥ Council Meeting, 11:30 am
- ♥ Trunk or Treat, 11:30 -12:30 am
- ♥ Teen's to Corn Maze, 12:30 am

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TESTIMONY

Martha Spencer

ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide
Mark Miller

First Church
Virtual Senior Choir

TESTIMONY

Pastor Lisa M. Burger

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”

-Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God’s extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

Sandy Wissmann

*Go now in peace! Go now in peace!
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go!*

TESTIMONY

Kevin Murphy

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

God created humanity in God’s own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

Holy Words written by the Rev. Asher O’Callaghan

Read by Kim Phillips

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**



MEDITATION

The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow

- **HYMN**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who have
 sinned 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.**

AN OFFERING OF LOVE AND PROMISE

MUSIC

Langham | Shaw

Jeremy Hill

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this
 offering today. Guide us and shape us as servants of love, and use these gifts
 to bless our church, community, and world with kindness, justice, joy, and
 peace. Alleluia! And amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Royal Oak | Shaw

Jeremy Hill

SERVICE CREDITS:

Service Credits: Holy Words written by the Rev. Asher O'Callaghan come from a facebook post by the author that went viral in 2018.





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Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place, — new light is stream-ing, now is the
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some



1. dark - ness, van - ished a - way, See, in this space, our
 2. old who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
 3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your
 4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place, the



1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
 2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu - man
 3. sons and your daugh - ters, call us a - new to be salt for the
 4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King - dom now is the



1. day. — Gath - er us in the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath - er us
 2. race. — Gath - er us in the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us
 3. earth. — Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to
 4. day. — Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath - er us



1. in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
 2. in the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
 3. eat the bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and teach us to
 4. in and make us your own; Gath - er us in all peo - ples to -



1. wa - ken, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. —
 2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. —
 3. fash - ion, lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. —
 4. geth - er, fire — of love in our flesh and our bone. —





O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1828
 Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

