

**First Congregational Church**  
**Our Church in Worship**

November 17, 2024 10:00 AM  
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Prayer - G. Martin* Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christopher Stevens

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 91 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Holy is the creator of the heavens and the earth.

**People: Of sunlight and starlight, forest and ocean.**

Leader: Holy is the composer of birdsong and thunderstorm.

**People: Let all creation sing praise.**

Leader: Holy is the one who was born in a stable.

**People: Who knelt in the dust to wash feet.**

Leader: Holy is the Spirit who confounds the powerful.

**All: Who lifts up the silenced and forgotten. Let all creation sing praise.**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Rev. Barbara Papagian

**Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth; that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ who reigns forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING *Be Thou My Vision - arr. Alice Parker* Chancel Choir,  
Elizabeth Blood, piano & Sipra Kolar, soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches  
I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and  
thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of  
heaven, my victory won, May I reach heav'ns joys. O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my  
own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Those involved with Sunday Friends may leave for their activity.*

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Christopher Stevens

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Response... "Hear Our Prayer"

SILENT MEDITATION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

\*HYMN NO. 102 *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

OUR MORNING OFFERING Rev. Christopher Stevens

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Generous God, we look at our humble offerings and we think they might not change the world today. But they help us remember that you are generous and when we give our money we are giving ourselves, and we remember that your working in us does change the world, letting your kingdom come on earth. Bless all of these gifts. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 18:33-37 Pip Adams

SERMON *Imagine* Rev. Barbara Papagian

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 234 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *In Thee is Gladness - J. S. Bach*

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### **John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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