

First Congregational UCC, Longmont, Colorado

We gather as God's people to discern Christ's way, seek social justice, discover the Holy.

November 6, 2011

21st Sunday After Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

The Gathering Music helps us move from "getting here" to "being here." As you enter the worship space, if you must talk, please do so quietly out of respect for other worshippers. Please turn off or silence all wireless devices until after worship has concluded.

Gathering Music and Announcements

Responsive Welcome and Passing the Peace

Moderator: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,

Response: You are welcome here!

Prelude and Choral Introit

As the candles are lit we quiet and center ourselves for worship.

*Call to Worship (Leader/**Congregation**)

Gathered together

We look for what will be.

Expecting to worship

We settle our bodies and still our minds.

Feeling our hearts beat

We know our own potential.

Alive to all that is around us

We are awake to possibilities.

*Hymn of Praise

"We Praise You, O God"

(NCH) #420

*Invocation

Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. Amen.

Anthem

"In Thee is Joy"

-J.S. Bach

Time With Young Worshippers

Worshippers 3rd grade and younger depart for their own worship experience.

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

(Pew Bibles p.860)

Sermon

"Check Your Oil"

*Hymn

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

(NCH) #369

Prayers Spoken and Silent

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.

Choral Response

Giving Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Response

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! (5)

During singing, young worshippers return to the sanctuary, the offering and Communion elements are brought forward and the table is set.

*Prayer of Dedication

With these gifts, O God, we commit ourselves again to tending the light of Christ with our words and deeds of compassion and justice. Fill us, and these gifts, with patience and wisdom to do your will. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Post-Communion Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

(Sing!) #139

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*Indicates that those who are able, please stand.)

Call to Worship & Prayer of Dedication: *SeasonsFUSION*, pp.126, 128; Invocation: Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, p. 42.

Participating in Today's Service

Rick King and Luke Grobe	Word and Table Leaders
Laura Klusman	Liturgist
Gabriel King	Acolyte
Chris Tate	Director of Music
Rob Tate	Organist
First Congregational United Church of Christ Choir	
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Prayer Requests for the Week - Please include these people in your daily prayers:

Church Staff
Senior Minister... <i>Rick King</i>
Assoc. Minister... <i>Luke Grobe</i>
Business Manager... <i>Denise Ermentraut</i>
Administrative Assistant... <i>Kathy Henry</i>
Music Director... <i>Chris Tate</i>
Organist... <i>Rob Tate</i>
Courier & Web Editor... <i>Marcia Silkensen</i>
Childcare... <i>Mary Sitareh</i>
...& <i>Cristina Tostada</i>