



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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MUSIC *Sunday*



"Sing for joy to the Lord, all the earth; praise him with songs and shouts of joy! Sing praises to the Lord! Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our king." Psalm 98:4-6

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Leader

Anne Hoekstra

Music Director

Luke Overton

Children's Lesson

Kay Leary

Organist

Hudson Lourenço

Youth Director

Abbie Chronister

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude

"Windscape" by Cathy Moglebust

Touch of Brass Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

(Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2)

***Opening Prayer** (unison)

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of spring, which lightens our hearts and quickens our step. We thank you for the four seasons which reminds us of the seasons of life. We rejoice again this first day of May in the abundance of your loving creation, and the beauty of new life. We praise you for the wonders of this abundant and hopeful season.

Creative God, we thank you for the gift of music which enriches our lives in so many ways. When words cannot express our deepest longings, when we are overcome with awe or joy, when there are no words deep enough, music speaks to us and for us. During the span of our lives, from sung lullabies at birth to dirges at death, music blesses us. For this gift, we thank you. Amen.

Music as Praise:

"Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wondrous works!"

I Chronicles: 16:9

***Opening Hymn**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#28 (Black)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Children's Message

Kay Leary

Music as Prayer:

*"I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray also with my mind:
I will sing with my spirit, but I will sing also with my mind,"* I Corinthians 14:15b

Sonata VI in D minor" opus 65 #6 by Felix Mendelssohn

Hudson Lourenço

I. Chorale, II. Andante sostenuto, III. Pedal Variation,
IV. Solo Variation, V. Allegro, VI. Fugue, VII. Finale

(The recurring theme of this sonata is from the German chorale "Vater Unser in Himmelreich" ("Our Father in Heaven"). The words are based upon the text in Matthew 6:9-13, what we know as The Lord's Prayer, set to a tune by Martin Luther. You may follow along to the tune in the Pilgrim Hymnal, #44, which has a different text. You are invited to silently pray The Lord's Prayer as you listen to this organ version.)

Music as Witness:	<i>“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”</i>	Colossians 3:16
*Hymn	“When in Our Music God is Glorified”	#561 (Black)
Offertory:	“How Can I Keep from Singing” by Lowrey/Ellingboe	Chancel Choir
Offertory Prayer		
Music to Glorify:	<i>“To you alone, O God, to you alone, and not to us, must glory be given because of your constant love and faithfulness.”</i>	Psalm 115: 1
“Prelude and Fugue in G Major” BWV 550	by J.S. Bach	Hudson Lourenço
Recognition of Musicians		Luke Overton
*Closing Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”	#391 (Red)
*Benediction		
Postlude	“Hornpipe Humoresque” by Noel Rawsthorne	Hudson Lourenço

We thank ALL our musicians who share their talents with us!

(Please join us in the basement following the service for a pulled pork luncheon prepared by Kyle Lindaman, our custodian. All are welcome!)

Upcoming Events:

May 22 - Youth Sunday

June 5 - Church Picnic and Service at First Congregational UCC

July 11-14, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
(preK—5th grade)