



# *First Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## ***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2022***



**Children's Lesson**

Diane Highnam

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço

**Guest Preacher**

Paul Greene

**Worship Leader**

Cliff Highnam

**Communion**

Evie Waack

**Director of Youth**

Abbie Chronister

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>		Hudson Lourenço
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Cliff Highnam
<b>Prayer of Invocation</b>		Cliff Highnam
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>John Wesley</i>	Cliff Highnam
Leader: Do all the Good you can, <b>People: By all the Means you can,</b> Leader: In all the ways you can, <b>People: In all the places you can,</b> Leader: At all the times you can, <b>People: To all the people you can,</b> Leader: As long as Ever you can.		
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i>	#4 NCH
<b>Children's Lesson</b>		Diane Highnam
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		Paul Greene
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Book of Tyler 2:7-11</i>	Cliff Highnam
<i>7 And the crowd went to the temple and gathered up the blind man and took him in haste to Jesus so the blind man might be made whole. When they came unto Jesus they begged him to free this man from his demons. 8 And Jesus looked upon them with the eyes of a mother looking down on her sick child and said, "Don't you understand? It is you who cannot see. He is made in the image of God as are we all. He is whole. He has no demons. It is your thoughts that create his lack of wholeness. It is only in your small minds that it exists. 9 Open your minds to the wonder of your God. Open your minds to the beauty and value in all who are made in God's image. Cast away your pity and replace it with welcoming, understanding arms for all of your brothers and sisters."</i> <i>10 And a miracle came unto the crowd as they realized the smallness of their thinking. Their ears and hearts were suddenly opened to better understand. They went forth and made all roads smooth and flat so all could travel them. And they discovered the gifts that lie within each person. 11 And no more did they fear differences, but rather celebrated the many ways God has shown himself to us through others. And it was Good.</i>		
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Cliff Highnam

**Special Music**

*Captain O'Kane*

Cliff Highnam  
Hammered Dulcimer

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Cliff Highnam

**Message**

*From the Book of Tyler*

Paul Greene

**Meditation**

Hudson Lourenço

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Evie Waack

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

Leader: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts.

**All: We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

Leader: Let us give thanks.

**All: We thank God with joy.**

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

Your breath gives us life; your word brings new life out of death.

You call us from separation and sin to a joyful life of communion with you and all your creatures.

With all people and all creation, we sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory,**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!**

**Hosanna!**

Leader: Holy God, we see and touch your Word in Jesus Christ, who communed with the outcast,  
who died among sinners, and who lives among us still.

Remembering your boundless love for us, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of  
faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Holy God, pour your Spirit on us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread.

and that in word and deed we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

**All: All praise to you, Eternal God, in Jesus Christ, who lives among us,**

**and the Holy Spirit, who binds us together in love. Amen.**

**Retelling the Story**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks... power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Hymn**

*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Improvisation on Joyful. Joyful*

Hudson Lourenço

\* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

*Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Children's Message and until Communion (youth will come back upstairs at this time to participate in Communion with their families). We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Children's Message.*