



# First Congregational

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# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023



**Worship Leader**  
Anne Hoekstra

**Mini Message**  
Juan Perea

**Director of Music**  
Luke Overton

**Guest Preacher**  
Juan Perea

**Organist**  
Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Office Manager**  
Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**  
Kyle Lindaman

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

**Prelude** *Ave Verum* - W A Mozart Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Welcome & Announcements** Anne Hoekstra

**Call to Worship** Anne Hoekstra

Leader: We gather today as people God calls to go and share the good news.

**All: We gather as God's sent-out people!**

Leader: We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives, our families, and our neighborhoods.

**All: We proclaim the goodness of God's love together!**

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**All: Let us worship our God!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Be now my vision, O God of my heart* #451 (NCH - Black)

**\*Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Juan Perea

God of love, justice and righteousness we trust in your mercy, and our hearts rejoice in your salvation. Our voices raise songs of joy and witness, because you have filled us with good things. Help us in our need, give us your peace, light our way, and affirm our feet. May we feel the happiness of knowing that you have chosen us, and that you have called us, and may our praises fill all the earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Joys & Concerns** Anne Hoekstra

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** Juan Perea

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Mini-Message** Juan Perea

**Special Music** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hudson Lourenço-Feld  
Henry Coleman / Lead Me Lord - Samuel Wesley

**Invitation to Offertory** Anne Hoekstra

**Offertory** Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**\*Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* #780 (NCH - Black)

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (unison) Anne Hoekstra

We offer these gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that you will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where natural disaster has befallen, may these gifts help build new life. Where refugees seek safety from violence and fear, may these gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Where hatred sullies your hope for your human family, may our gifts be a sign and instrument of reconciliation. Thank you, God, for the privilege of this offering. May it indeed do more than we can imagine! Amen.

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Anne Hoekstra & Juan Perea

**\*Hymn** *Guide me, O my great Redeemer* #18 (NCH - Black)

**Message** *"Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done"* Juan Perea

**\*Hymn** *Thuma mina, thuma mina* #360 (NCH - Black)  
*(Send me, Jesus, send me Jesus)*

**\*Benediction** Juan Perea

**Postlude** *Fanfare en Rondeau* - Jean-Joseph Mouret Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* You are invited to Stand