



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023



Worship Leader

Nancy Mahood

Mini Message

Craig Mahood

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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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	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Nancy Mahood
*Call to Worship	from Psalm 105:2-6	Nancy Mahood
Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name		
People: Make known his deeds among the peoples		
Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him		
People: Tell of all his wondrous works		
Leader: Glory in his holy name		
People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice		
Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength		
People: Seek his presence continually		
Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done		
People: his miracles, and the judgements he uttered		
Leader: O offspring of Abraham, his servant		
People: Children of Jacob, his chosen ones		
All – Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen		
Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name		
People: Make known his deeds among the peoples		
Prayer of Invocation		Nancy Mahood
*Opening Hymn	<i>Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped</i>	#22 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Nancy Mahood
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer	<i>(Responsive)</i>	Mike Blankenfeld
Old Testament Reading	Deuteronomy 7:6-9	Nancy Mahood
Epistle Reading	Romans 8:28-39	Nancy Mahood

Special Music		Joley Seitz & Ellie Gavin
Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:44-52	Mike Blankenfeld
Mini-Message		Craig Mahood
*Hymn	<i>O Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	#485 (NCH - Black)
Message	<i>“Don’t be distracted in a World of False Promises”</i>	Mike Blankenfeld
Invitation to Offertory		Nancy Mahood
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Nancy Mahood
*Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing</i>	#77 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Mike Blankenfeld
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand