



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023



Worship Leader
Anita Altenbaumer

Mini Message
Gina Greene

Director of Music
Luke Overton

Guest Preacher
Rev. James Altenbaumer

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

Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein
(“When we are in utmost need”) BWV 641 JS Bach

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome & Announcements

Anita Altenbaumer

Call to Worship

(Psalm 105:1-5)

Anita Altenbaumer

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, proclaim God's greatness; tell the nations what God has done.

All: Sing praise to the LORD; tell the wonderful things God has done.

Leader: Be glad that we belong to God; let all who worship God rejoice.

All: Remember the miracles that God performed and the judgments that God gave.

Leader: Go to the LORD for help; and worship God continually.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Jim Altenbaumer

We thank You, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have called us and that we belong to You. We come now, longing to know the touch of Your Spirit, that we may be empowered to serve You in the world. Come to us, that we may recognize You and sing Your praise; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

#300 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns

Anita Altenbaumer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Altenbaumer

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

Gina Greene

Special Music

Joley Seitz & Ellie Gavin

Invitation to Offertory

Anita Altenbaumer

Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Anita Altenbaumer
*Sermon Hymn	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	#403 (NCH - Black)
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:1-8	Rev. Altenbaumer
Message	<i>"Still Hoping"</i>	Rev. Altenbaumer
*Closing Hymn	<i>Day Is Done</i>	#92 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Rev. Altenbaumer
Postlude	<i>Prelude in G Major</i> - BWV 568 JS Bach	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand