



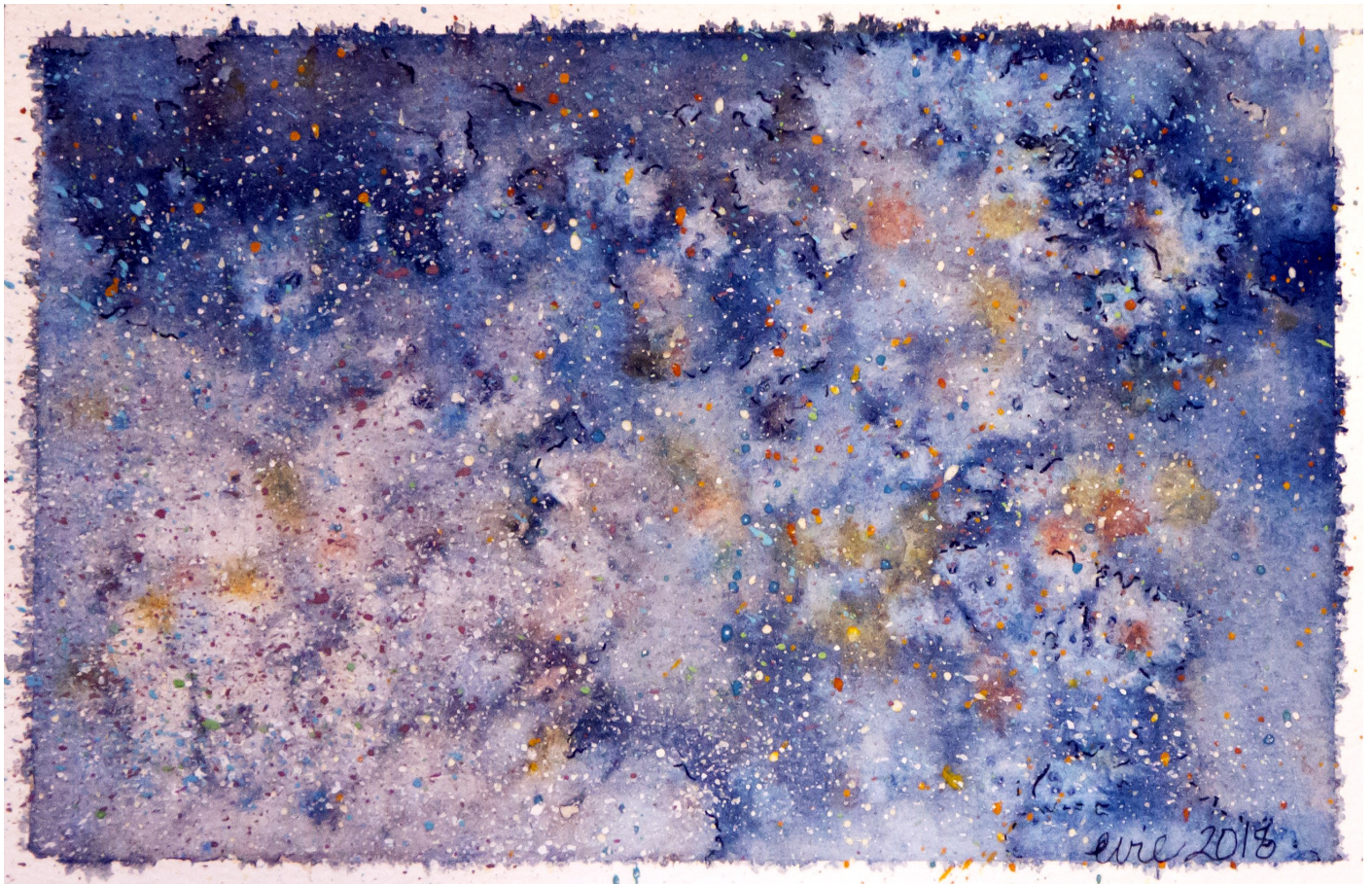
# *First Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost* *August 14, 2022*



**Worship Leader**

Barb Mardis

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço

**Guest Preacher  
& Children's Lesson**

Evie Waack

**Director of Youth**

Abbie Chronister

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

We Gather as the Church

**Prelude**

Hudson Lourenço

**Greeting**

**Church Life and Mission**

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:28-29

Leader: Have you not known?

**All: Have you not heard?**

Leader: The Lord is the everlasting God,

**All: the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Leader: [God] does not faint or grow weary;

**All: [God's] understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: [God] gives power to the faint,

**All: and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: To you, O God,

**All: all creatures sing!**

**\*Song of Praise**

*To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*

#17 (NCH - Black)

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

We Encounter God's Word

**Children's Lesson**

Evie Waack

**Scripture Reading**

selections from Genesis 12-25

**Sermon**

*"You will be a Blessing." "Yes, but how long must I wait!"*

Evie Waack

We Respond in Faith

**\*Hymn**

*The God of Abraham Praise*

#24 (NCH - Black)

**Offertory - Invitation**

**Offertory**

#785 (NCH - Black)

We give you but your own,  
What-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### 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.**

### We Go to Serve

### \*Closing Song

*O God, Whose Steadfast Love*

#426 (NCH - Black)

### Benediction

### Postlude

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.*