



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023



Worship Leader
Seth Chronister

Mini Message
Craig Mahood

Director of Music
Luke Overton

Guest Preacher
Abbie Chronister

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 Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome & Announcements Seth Chronister

***Call to Worship** *Meditation on Genesis 2* Seth Chronister

Leader: Out of the ground, the Creator grew the trees;

People: God grew the many trees of beauty and fruit, life and knowledge.

Leader: Out of the ground, the Creator molded ha'adam;

People: God formed humankind to tend to the Earth.

Leader: Out of the ground, the Creator gave breath to creatures great and small;

People: And whatever ha'adam called every living creature, that was its blessed name.

***Prayer of Invocation** (Unison) Seth Chronister

Loving Creator, you are the artist of souls. You call us in turn to design and construct life. God made only water, and Jesus made the wine. God made only wheat, and humans baked the loaf of bread. Open our hearts and minds to witness your great creations, and encourage us as we utilize your forge to smith new life. Amen.

Inspired by Victor Hugo, Daniel Mallory Ortberg, and the [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers \(2022\)](#).

***Hymn** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* #401 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns Seth Chronister

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Abbie Chronister

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 "Journey" Craig Mahood

Special Music Joley Seitz & Ellie Gavin

Invitation to Offertory Seth Chronister

Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology	Tune #515 PH	Words: #778 (NCH)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.		
*Prayer of Dedication		Abbie Chronister
Scripture Lesson	Genesis 2:4-9, 15-19	Seth Chronister
*Hymn	<i>We Would Be Building</i>	#607 (NCH - Black)
Message	<i>“Created & Creating”</i>	Abbie Chronister
*Closing Hymn	<i>Spirit of Love</i>	#58 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Abbie Chronister
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

*You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit