

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
United Church Of Christ
Partners in Christ's Service since 1890
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Jim Molina

At First Church, we welcome theological diversity. Please feel free to substitute the liturgical language of your choice as you worship.

***Opening Hymn**

#599 Day by Day

***Passing the Wave of Peace**

Children's Message

“The Eye of the Needle”

Olivia Scumaci

Singing the Children Out

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Music Ministry

“Turn, Turn, Turn” by Pete Seger

Meg McGarry, solo

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jan Davis

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Scripture

Job 23:3-9; 16-18; I Cor. 14:33-34; John 21:15-19

Karen Pachyn

Old Testament

Job 23:3-9; 16-18

So these three men ceased answering Job, because Job was self-righteous in his own eyes. Then the wrath of (the youngest man) Elihu, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because Job justified himself rather than God.

Now because the other two men were years older, Elihu had waited to speak to Job. When Elihu saw there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was aroused. Elihu answered and said, "I am young in years, and you are very old. Therefore I was afraid, and dared not declare my opinion to you.

Elihu then said, "Age should speak, and multitudes of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in a human and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

Great people are not always wise, nor do the aged always understand justice, and I have waited, because they did not speak. They stood still and answered no more. I too will declare my opinion. For I am full of words; The spirit within me compels me.

New Testament

I Corinthians 14:33-34

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of God's people, the women should keep quiet. They are not allowed to speak; as the Jewish Law says, they must not be in charge. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in a church.

The Gospel

John 21:15-19

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these? Peter answered, "Yes Lord. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Then a second time, Jesus asked, "Simon Peter, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Peter was grieved that Jesus said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" And, Peter said, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself, and walked where you wished; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." Follow me!

Sermon

"What Must I Do?"

Rev. Jan Davis

Invitation To Give

Rev. Jan Davis

Dedication Of Tithes And Offerings

Offertory "Majesty" by Hayford, arr. Joel Raney Jim Molina, piano/organ

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jan Davis

*Closing Hymn

#477 Pass It On

*Benediction

Rev. Jan Davis

*Postlude

Please stand if you are able. Songs and prayers printed in **bold are to be recited out loud together. Please silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Rev. Jan Davis, Guest Minister

Olivia Scumaci, Sunday School Teacher

This Morning's Music

Jim Molina, Director of Music, Organist and Pianist

Dave Benziger, Guitarist

Meg McGarry, Vocalist

Prayer List

Janet Brown

Dan Dallas

Janet Rowe

Angela Burrell

Mary Loss

Basia Rudy

Phyllis Crosley

Louis Reed

Bob Tracy

First Church Announcements

Welcome Rev. Jan Davis

The Rev. Dr. Janet E. Davis is an ordained United Church of Christ minister and a board certified chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Baptized, confirmed and ordained in the Elmhurst First Congregational UCC, Jan graduated from York Community High School and from the University of Illinois, Urbana, with a degree in Education.

After four years of primary school teaching, Jan returned to Elmhurst with her husband, Champ Davis, to raise a family of three children. With their youngest in school, Jan entered the ministry, obtaining a Masters of Divinity degree and several years later, a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary in Hyde Park.

Specializing in chaplaincy, Jan served on the staff of Lifelink, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Advocate Health Care, as the director of pastoral services for five long-term care centers and three retirement homes.

For the last seven years of full time ministry, Jan served as a hospice chaplain for Central DuPage Hospital and Rainbow Hospice. Today she is a chaplain-on-call and a grandmother of five.

Reopening Our Parlor

Beginning today you can enjoy the use of our church parlor before and after worship. In an abundance of caution, there will be no drinks or food available in this space until further notice.

We hope you will enjoy this special space before and after worship for visiting and catching up with others. Thank you, The Diaconate Board

Scripture Readers Needed

As we move towards a full worship experience, in-person Scripture readers are very much needed. Please review the sign-up sheet available in the foyer and help us cover the rest of the calendar year. Please direct any questions and your interest in helping to Don Haraf, our chair of our Diaconate Board. Thank you.