



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation**  
**September 5, 2021, 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#).

**Prelude**

*Fantasy in G Minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Announcements and Lighting of the Candle**

**Call to Worship**

adapted from Thom Shuman

One: What good is it if we say we love all people,  
but give special treatment to a few?

**Many: God calls us to love others as deeply  
as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.**

One: What good is it if we say we want  
God to show mercy to us,  
but are quick to judge others?

**Many: God calls us to forgive our siblings,  
to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

One: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment,  
but live guided by our worries?

**Many: We will speak and act as those who trust God  
to come and live faithfully in our hearts.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Come, Labor On*  
(verses 1, 3, 4)

NCH #532 (Ora Labora)

v1 Come, labor on.

Who dares stay idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Savior say,  
"Go work today."

v3 Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No one so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.

v4 Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er the pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done!"

**Time With Children**

**All your children shall be taught by God, and they shall have peace.** (Isaiah 54:13)

**Scripture**

Mark 7:24-37

Chris Brunelle

Sermon

Carol Rutz

Prayer Hymn

*Awake, Awake to Love and Work*

NCH #89 (Morning Song)

v1 Awake, awake to love and work!  
The lark is in the sky;  
The fields are wet with diamond dew;  
The worlds awake to cry  
their praises to the Fount of Life;  
Christ Jesus passes by.

v2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs,  
Shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up,  
God's gift for all your days!  
So let the love of Jesus come  
and set your soul ablaze.

v3 To give and give, and give again,  
as God's own grace is free;  
To spend yourself nor count the cost;  
To serve most gloriously  
the God who gave all worlds that are,  
and all that are to be.

### The Prayers

*We will begin prayers in song, then a minister will pray, and there will be time for silent prayer. Then we will sing again. All joining worship on Zoom are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.*

### Sung Response

One: As your spirit moved upon the waters,  
Many: **God, let your spirit move in us.**

### Prayer of Jesus

*You are invited to speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:*

**Our God, 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Offertory

*Gavotte (from the Holberg Suite)*

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

### Prayer of Thanks

**You are the Great Provider, God, and we pray that these and all gifts given may be used for your work in the world. Bless and use these offerings, that they may provide good news, healing, and hope to all people. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Communion Hymn

*Coming Together for Wine and for Bread*  
(see page 7)

Adam M.L. Tice  
Sally Ann Morris

### Invitation & Telling the Story

### Blessing the Meal

### Sharing the Bread & Cup

*(Please ready your bread and cup for partaking)*

### Music During Communion

*Arietta*

Edvard Grieg

### Hymn of Sending

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
(verses 1, 3, 4)

NCH #597 (Hanson Place)

v1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

v3 As we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

v4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Rigaudon (from the Holberg Suite)*

Edvard Grieg

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!**

**Zoom breakout rooms are available for friendship and conversation after the service. Whether you attended in person or online, you're invited to join in conversation on the lawn after worship. We hope you will stay!**

## News to Note

### Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Recently, First UCC returned to full capacity worship in the sanctuary, with no registration required. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are glad to have you here! Are you visiting today? [Fill out our virtual visitor card.](#)

### Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. Give online by visiting [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) and clicking the "Give Now!" button under the "Giving" tab, or send in your gifts via mail.

### News & Announcements

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### This Week at First UCC

#### Monday, September 6

Church office closed in observance of Labor Day

#### Tuesday, September 7

1-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

3-5 p.m. Pastor Lauren Drop-In Office Hours (Bridge Square)

#### Wednesday, September 8

6 p.m. Facilities Meeting (Assembly Room)

#### Sunday, September 12

10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship

### ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)

The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan and Senate Reconciliation Bill can do much to help in "fighting for racial and economic justice." Join other Northfield ISAIAH folks in a door knock and lit drop on this issue Tuesday, Sept. 7, 6-8 pm. We will get grounded and equipped, then go connect with neighbors who share our values to discuss what's possible in this federal budget, and encourage them to call on Congress to lead climate, care, and inclusive democracy with us! [Register here](#). Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org).

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**Thanks to this Week's Leaders**

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**Ushers:** Lois Langerak, Ed Langerak, Anne Meyer Ruppel,  
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**Reader:** Chris Brunelle

**Digital Zoom Host:** Gary Wagenbach

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# COMING TOGETHER FOR WINE AND FOR BREAD

Adam M. L. Tice

BANQUET  
Sally Ann Morris



1. Com - ing to - geth - er for wine and for bread,  
2. Who will be hun - gry if, hear - ing the call,  
3. Here at this ta - ble, we're wel - comed by name;  
4. Bless - ing this ta - ble the Spir - it is here



tast - ing the sto - ry and hear - ing it read,  
we of - fer seats at our ban - quet to all?  
all are in - vit - ed, each seat is the same.  
grant - ing us vi - sion, so sud - den - ly clear:



know - ing our hun - ger and shar - ing the meal  
Who is for - got - ten? Whom will we ig - nore?  
Serv - ing, re - ceiv - ing, and eat - ing the feast  
shar - ing and serv - ing, the bod - y is fed,



o - pens our eyes to see Je - sus is real.  
Who is the out - cast that knocks at our door?  
hum - bles the haugh - ty and hon - ors the least.  
nour - ished by Je - sus, the Wine and the Bread.