

*There are all kinds of gifts,
but they all come from the same Spirit.
There are all kinds of ways to serve,
but they all come from the same Holy One.
1 Corinthians 12:4-5*

Volunteer Celebration Sunday

June 22, 2025



**First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Salem, Oregon**

**We are an Open and Affirming
and Just Peace Congregation**

*No matter who you are,
Or where you are on your life's journey,
You are welcome here!*



Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ. Whether you come here every Sunday or are here for the first time, know that you are welcome!

Please take a moment during the **welcome** to sign our **Friendship Pad** at the end of the pew. If you are new, we'd love to get your contact info so we can reach out during the week. Let us know if you would like to get on our mailing list so we can share our weekly newsletter with you.

We Love Kids and Families!

We have created a space in the back of the sanctuary for families and children.

It is a space designed for kids to do quiet activities during worship—art projects, legos, reading, etc.—and we have **Busy Bags** as well to help the “*smallers*” share this time with us. If you sit in the back and find the quiet activities are distracting to you we invite you to sit in the main part of the sanctuary. Help us support our intergenerational community by sitting where you can get your needs met.

Thank you for sharing your time and spirit with us this morning!

When you see an asterisk, () please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

NCH = New Century Hymnal, Black Hardbound Cover

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We offer the following acknowledgment of the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land we call the Willamette Valley. These are the tribes with whom we are walking together even today: the Kalapuya, tribes that include Tualatin (Atfalati), Yamhill (Yamel), Ahantchuyuk (Pudding River), Luckiamute, Santiam, Chepenefa (Mary's River), Chemapho (Muddy Creek), Tsankupi (Calapooia River), Mohawk (Mohawk River, OR; unrelated to the Mohawks of NY), Chafan (near Eugene), Chelamela (Long Tom River), Winefelly (Mohawk, McKenzie and Coast Forks of the Willamette River), and the Yoncalla peoples.

PRELUDE

Corrente and Minuet

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WELCOMING ALL

***CALLING IN THE SPIRIT**

One: Come, all you who offer your time, talents, and hearts in love.

Many: We come to celebrate the Spirit who moves through each of us.

One: Many circles, one body. Many gifts, one Spirit.

Many: Together, we are the Church—living, loving, and growing in faith.

***SINGING TOGETHER**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Come, people of God—rooted in love. Come with your gifts, your service, your open hearts. Come, and let us invoke the Spirit who makes us one.

Mission and Justice Circle (Orange):

M&J Leader: You are the ones who dig deep—who advocate, speak out, show up. We plant seeds of equity and water them with action.

Many: Holy Spirit, stir our courage and renew our fire.

Care and Connection Circle (Yellow):

C&C Leader: You are the ones who tend gently—who call, visit, listen, and pray. We bind wounds, carry burdens, and celebrate joys.

Many: Holy Spirit, deepen our compassion and widen our welcome.

Worship and Spiritual Development Circle (Blue):

W&SD Leader: You are the ones who shape beauty and nurture growth— through song and story, symbol and silence, learning and reflection.

Many: Holy Spirit, inspire our creativity and center us in wonder.

Administration and Facilities Circle (Green):

A&F Leader: You are the ones who steady the ground—who fix, file, clean, and count. We hold the structure that lets the Spirit move freely.

Many: Holy Spirit, bless our diligence and make our work a blessing.

Covenant Relations Ministry (Pink):

CRM Leader: You are the ones who build bridges—who nurture relationships, deepen belonging, and hold the circle wide. We are stewards of trust, memory, and meaning.

Many: Holy Spirit, strengthen our ties and grow our care.

Council (Lavender):

Council Leader: You are the ones who listen and lead—who dream, discern, and decide. We carry the vision with care and trust in the wisdom of the whole.

Many: Holy Spirit, grant us humility, boldness, and grace.

One: God of every color and calling, you gather us into a garden of grace.

Many: Make this time holy. Make our hearts open. Let this worship be our blooming—for your joy, your justice, your world. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

RITUAL OF GRATITUDE

STORY PAGES FOR ADULTS

1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 26–27

REFLECTION

Rooted in Love, Blooming in Service

MEDITATION MUSIC

Elevation #26

Benoit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come and Find a Quiet Center, vs. 1

**Come and find a quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

LORD'S PRAYER—SEE INSERT

Come and Find a Quiet Center, v. 3

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our lives and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

GATHERING OUR GIFTS

If you wish to make a financial donation today, you may

- ♦ Text the amount of your donation to **(833) 367-9224**
- ♦ Use the QR code to the right:
- ♦ Give online at www.uccsaalem.org by simply clicking on **Donate** button
- ♦ Or you can always leave a check or cash or mail a check to our physical address: First Congregational Church UCC, 700 Marion Street NE, Salem, OR 97301



Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge and who gives through their bank or other electronic portals.

OFFERTORY

Les Maillotins

Couperin

*DEDICATION CHORUS

What Does the Lord Require of Us?

NCH Back Cover

***DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TOGETHER**

Generous God, You have planted in us the seeds of love, the roots of justice, and the desire to serve. Bless these gifts we return to you—gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they nourish the work of this church, so that compassion may grow, hope may blossom, and your Spirit may flourish in every corner of the world. Make us faithful gardeners of your grace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SINGING TOGETHER**

De Colores

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***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

One: Go now, rooted in love. Go, blooming in service. Go, carrying the colors of compassion, creativity, courage, care, and community.

(Leader sprinkles water on the congregation.)

One: May this water remind you - You are part of something growing. You are blessed to be a blessing. You are needed in this garden of grace.

Many: May we go forth watered by the Spirit, ready to bloom again.

One: Go in peace. Go with purpose. And let your life be a garden of joy and justice.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Les Cloches

LeBègue

During the Postlude, you are invited to leave or remain and quietly listen to the music.

With Thanks to:

Ushers/ Greeters : Janet Lee and Philip Buerk

Liturgist/Reader: Michael Arighi

Worship on Duty: Diane Bunn

Finance on Duty: Deb Mandeville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ June **Share the Plate** recipient is: The **UCC Strengthen the Church Special Offering**.
- ♦ **Congregational Gathering 2—June 29 after worship: This is a potluck! Bring a dish to share!!**
- ♦ **Pride Sunday—6/29:** Come celebrate PRIDE during our morning worship.
- ♦ **Anniversary of our church's founding (July 4, 1852) — 7/6** There will be strawberry shortcake served at coffee hour following worship. Come and celebrate our birthday!

RESURRECTING CHURCH GATHERINGS IN JUNE!

There will be two very important gatherings happening this month as we both listen to the results of the Community Perspective Project, the SOAR analysis, and some exciting collaborations that are happening and then make decisions about our Organizing Metaphor and the proposal for our Resurrection based on all of these pieces.

- ♦ **First Gathering was last Sunday.** Did you attend? Check out the information available about the proposal and outcomes of the Community Perspective and SOAR Project.
- ♦ **The second gathering on June 29th** will be a **congregational meeting** to finalize our discernment about the ideas presented. We will have a potluck following worship and then dream together about the ideas presented earlier.

PRAYER IN THREE BREATHS

For The World we pray....

- For the people in Gaza, Israel, and across the Middle East, that there would be peace, protection of civilians, and a just resolution to cycles of violence.
- For refugees and migrants worldwide, especially those fleeing war, persecution, and climate disasters—that they would find safety, dignity, and welcome.
- For the oceans and glaciers.
- For all who are being terrorized by ICE and those separated from family in detention facilities, particularly those who have followed the law and are being detained anyway.

For Our Community we pray....

- For State Legislators and Public Servants: we pray for wisdom, courage, and integrity as they shape policies that impact all Oregonians—especially the most vulnerable.
- For local nonprofits and organizations caring for the most vulnerable that are unsure where their funding is coming from.
- For all involved in the incident at UGM last week.
- For unhoused neighbors and the organizations that serve them, especially Church at the Park, Family Promise, and all working to provide shelter, dignity, and long-term solutions.
- For Youth and Young Adults in our community and those navigating mental health challenges, identity struggles, housing insecurity, and the uncertainties of a changing world.
- For faith leaders and congregations in Salem, that we may be bold in love, united in purpose, and faithful to our calling to seek justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with God.

For Our Beloveds We pray....

- For everyone with chronic pain and health concerns.
- For Amy's health journey to be filled with peace and wisdom.
- For all who are grieving among us, especially John Harvey, Susie and Dick, Louise, and the family and friends of Margaret Manoogian.
- For those elders unable to be with us in person at this time.
- For all of our beloveds struggling with dementias of all kinds.
- For Finance and Development Ministry, and their members who serve us well in the Central Pacific Conference UCC

Holy One, we gather all of the names, all of the places, all of the concerns into you and ask that they be held, healed, transformed, and loved into the fullness of their calling as part of your blessed Creation. In the name of the Christ who carries us all. Amen

Do you have a special need for prayer and support? If you would like to be on our weekly prayer list, please contact the church office: office!uccsalem.org

WE ARE A JUST PEACE AND OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

This church welcomes everyone without regard to race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, economic class, marital status, or physical/mental abilities and encourages all to share in the full life and leadership of this congregation.

PASTOR ROBIN'S OFFICE HOURS

- ♦ Monday and Tuesday - 1 PM to 4 PM
- ♦ Thursday - 9 AM to 1 PM
- ♦ Other times by appointment

Want to explore your questions and share something of your journey? Pastor Robin welcomes your calls and visits. You may contact her via cell (971)666-3442, at the church (503-363-3660) or email: pastor@uccsalem.org.

If you prefer to meet outside, she is always up for a walk and talk!

Friday and Saturday are Pastor Robin's Sabbath days.

GET CONNECTED: The **Weekly Word**, our email newsletter which comes out every Thursday will keep you up to date on all that is happening at FCCUCC. Links to the livestreaming worship as well as the bulletin are included. To subscribe, find the link on our webpage www.uccsalem.org, or email the office—office@uccsalem.org. Our phone number is **503-363-3660**

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