



First Congregational Church of Bethel
July 12, 2020

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C W.55/1"

C.P.E. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 104):

Leader: O God, how majestic are your works!

People: In Wisdom God created the world!

Leader: The earth is full of God's creatures.

People: May the Glory of the Lord endure throughout the earth.

Leader: Let us sing...

People: Along with the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea

Leader: Let us worship...

People: With the deer in the forests and the trees of the field

Leader: Let us worship our God of all creation!

People: Let us sing praises to the Creator!

HYMN #15

"Rejoice, Your Pure in Heart"

verses 1 & 5

Arthur H. Messiter

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We could offer seeds of hope, but don't. We could help a friend with a difficult problem, but won't. We could smooth the way for someone stumbling through life, but can't. Let us confess our sin to our God, as we pray together, saying,

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Loving God, we confess that we have turned away from Your love and Your ways. We have forgotten the beauty of the earth and the beauty of humanity. We forget Your ways of love and compassion, forgiveness and understanding. We forget Your call for justice and reconciliation and instead seek fairness. Forgive us, O God, for so quickly forgetting how much You love us, how You sent Your Son for us, and the commandments of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us and restore us, O God. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 27:13):

Leader: We can be sure that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Hold firm and trust in the Lord. Know that you have been forgiven, and that you are set once again on the path of God. Amen.

