



First Congregational Church of Bethel  
May 10, 2020

## SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

*“Air A La Bourree”*

Beethoven

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**People: our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

Leader: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**People: to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

Leader: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**People: chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

### HYMN #33

*“How Great Thou Art”*

Swedish folk melody

### CALL TO CONFESION

God builds salvation on the One who is the foundation of all hope. Let us confess our sins to God and one another, trusting we will not be put to shame.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESION

**Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. Forgive us, Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. Hear our silent cries to you O God.**

*Silence*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

**People: Each one of us, all of us, have received God's mercy in Christ. Forgiven, redeemed, made whole - we are a people made one in faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### RESPONSE #339

*“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”* verse 1 William B. Bradbury

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 14:1-4

NT page 132

**SERMON**

Pastor Suzanne Wagner

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

**CLOSING HYMN #612**

*"O Jesus, I have Promised"*

Arthur H. Mann

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Brillante in Bb"*

Sophie Corri