



Sunday, October 18, 2020—10:00 AM Online Worship
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Back to Faith Essentials - God's Presence
The First United Church of Christ, Congregational, Milford, CT

Guest Preacher: Dick Furanna

PRELUDE **Meditation on Buinessan** arr. Brownell
Dan Brownell, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Dan Brownell, Minister of Music

GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS Deacons

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96) Patty Weller

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

P: We will sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

L: Proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.

P: We will sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

L: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of God among all peoples.

P: We will sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

P: We will sing to the Lord and bless God's name. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (v. 1 & 3) NCH 12

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.

The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;

Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, who made the heavens, we seek your presence. In your presence is power and beauty, honor and holiness. We tremble with the whole of your creation knowing that you are with us. With your judgment and gentleness, with your creativity and love, reveal yourself. With the heavens, we will rejoice. With the earth, we will be glad. With the sea and fields, we will roll with joy before you, O Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kelsey DeCarlo, Minister of Faith Formation

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Prelude in A major

Chopin
Dan Brownell, piano

Doxology

Virtual Adult Choir

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen***

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, may we glorify you through our words and actions. May we honor your giving spirit through our bodies and prayers. May we proclaim and usher in the kingdom of your love through our gifts, offerings and intentions. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

SERMON/MESSAGE

God and Our Essentials

Dick Furanna

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Adam Eckhart

INTERCESSIONS & LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (v. 1-4)

NCH 596

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!
Let the water and the blood, from your wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill your law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; you must save, and you alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling;
Naked, come to you for dress; helpless, look to you for grace;
Stained, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, meet you at your judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide; my shelter be!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Brownell
Dan Brownell, organ

Liturgy by Rev. Ashley Grant

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