



April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

*We Are Called*

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come, walk in the light of Christ.

**We walk together as children of light and love.**

Come, gather in the love of God.

**We gather together as children of light and love.**

Come, live in the in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit. Gather in our midst, that we might know you are truly here. Guide us in unity and love, that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the world. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1: 1-9

Lorraine Young

SERMON

**“Living in the Light”**

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.*

*Praise Him, above, ye heav'nly hosts.*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Bless these offerings, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, you know us so well. You know our doubts and our questions, and you love us enough to welcome such doubts and questions. You know our fractures and divisions, and you love us enough to invite us to forgive one another and live in unity. You know the shadows that tempt us, and still you shine your light within, inviting warmth and welcoming us back to your path of peace and love. We give you thanks, and ask that you help us embrace this journey, that we may walk in the light, and in unity together. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Communion Hymn     *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN                     *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE





**THANK YOU** for joining us at this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church. Of all the things you could have done this morning, we're glad you chose to be with us.



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**First Church Office Hours** are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.



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