



THE ONLY CHOICE WE MAKE

COMMUNION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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Sunday, February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to First Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to stop by the round desk at our Welcome Center to receive a gift from our church. While you are there, the Hospitality and Information Person can answer any questions you may have.

Large print bulletins are available from any usher.

Do you have difficulty hearing the service in the Sanctuary?

The Worship and Fine Arts committee has published a map of the sanctuary with areas color coded to help hearing impaired people find the best places to sit based on the acoustics of the room. Ear Buds and Headphones are available to enhance hearing the worship experience. The ushers have a map at each doorway to help with seating locations and can provide Ear Buds and Headphones to those who need them. Please feel free to ask your favorite usher to help you out!

Childcare for infants and small children is available. Our nursery is located to the left of the Welcome Center desk, down the yellow hallway.

Rocking Chairs are located in the rear of the Sanctuary for those with infants.

Lap Packs for young children, including coloring pages, crayons and finger labyrinths can be obtained from any usher.

Restrooms are located in the alcove to the left of the Welcome Center desk.

For more information about our programs and ministries, please call the church office, 965-1225, or check the website, www.fccbc.org.

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of they statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119:33

SERMON

The Only Choice We Make

Rev. Tom Ott

RESPONDING TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance
(with "Joy of Man's Desiring")

Knapp/J.S. Bach
arr. By Dobrinski

Fran Isaac and the Plymouth Bell Choir

RECEPTION OF GIFTS

*** DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -



low; Praise God for all that love has done; Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Spi - rit, One.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread*

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Draw nigh and Take the Body of the Lord* E. Thiman

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
And drink by faith the blood for you outpoured.
Saved by His body, hallowed by his blood,
With souls refreshed we render thanks to God.

He feeds the hungry with the bread of heaven,
And living streams to those who thirst are given.
O judge of all, our only Savior thou,
In this thy feast of love, be with us now. Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung by the Congregation)

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.

The Summons

Unison

N.C. F C7 Dm

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

Gm7 Gm Csus C N.C. F C7

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

Dm Gm7 $\frac{Bb}{C}$ F N.C.

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Unison

E_b *F_m* *G_m7* *A_bmaj7 A_b6* *E_b/
B_b* *F_m/
A_b*

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what
 *4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

C_m *B_b* *B_b/
A_b* *E_b/
G* *F_m/
A_b* *G_m7(b5)*

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;

C7(b9) *C7* *F_m* *E_b/
G* *A_bm6* *A_bm*

1-3
<i>B_b</i>

4
<i>E_b</i>

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Unison

N.C.

E \flat

Cm

A \flat

$\frac{Fm7}{B\flat}$

B \flat 7

E \flat

$\frac{A\flat}{E\flat}$

E \flat

$\frac{E\flat}{G}$

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; let us break
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; let us drink
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; let us praise

Refrain

$\frac{B\flat 7}{F}$

Cm7

F

F7

B \flat

$\frac{Cm7}{B\flat}$

B \flat

N.C.

E \flat

Gm

C7

$\frac{C}{E}$

bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 wine to - geth - er on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my
 God to - geth - er on our knees.

Fm

$\frac{Fm}{E\flat}$

$\frac{B\flat 7}{D}$

$\frac{A\flat}{C}$

B \flat 7

E \flat

Cm

Fm7

$\frac{Fm}{B\flat}$

B \flat 7

E \flat

A \flat

E \flat

face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

