

# CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021 at 10 o'clock



*The place God calls you to  
is the place where your deep gladness  
and the world's deep hunger  
meet.*

Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

*Pastorale: His goodness shall follow me always  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Christopher Tambling

Paul Karvonen

SHARING OUR WELCOME

THE PROMISES OF GOD

One: Listen to what God is saying to us:

**All: "I bring you the best news!"**

One: "You are my child."

**All: "You are written in the palm of my hand."**

One: "You are hidden in the shadow of my holding."

**All: "I have molded you from the secret places of the earth."**

One: "I have knit you together with purpose."

**All: "I am yours and you are mine."**

One: "Whatever will be I am always with you."

**All: "You are precious in my sight and I love you."**

Henri Nouwen (adapted)

HYMN #75

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

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**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

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\*YOU ARE MY CHILD

Holy One,  
you gave me life!  
I come to you as a child,  
holding your hand,  
walking through days and nights,  
through seasons of joy and sadness,  
busyness and quiet,  
crowds and solitude.

I am held in your hands of love;  
healed in the forgiving arms embracing me;  
assured in eternal love that whispers,  
"You are my child in whom I am well pleased."

Blessed be, Dear God. Blessed be!  
Amen.

Sue Henley

ANTHEM

*Witness*  
The First Church Choir

Traditional Spiritual,  
adapted and arr. by Roger Emerson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Acts 1:3-8](#)

Jimmy Quinn

SERMON

*Witnesses*

Amie Giguere

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISES

Leader: Church, among you stand God's people, God's gift to you, as you are to them. Will you welcome these ones with open hearts? Will you confirm the promises made at the time each one was baptized, to teach them by word and example, to guide them in ways of prayer and service, and to offer them the love and support of the Christian Church?

**Congregation: We will, with the help of God.**

Leader: Will you receive the new challenges and questions, insights and gifts that these confirmands bring? Will you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with them in Christian faith that together we might make God's love believable in the world that waits beyond these doors?

**Congregation: We will, with the help of God.**

CONFIRMANDS ACCEPTANCE OF PROMISES

CONFIRMANDS ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN #431

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing!*

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,  
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;  
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Celebration*

James Mansfield

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Share any recollections you may have of your own baptism and/or confirmation?
2. What encouragement might you offer to our confirmands as they embark on a new leg of their faith journey?
3. How might we be witnesses for one another in the shared life of First Church?

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE TO THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION LEADERS

Lauren Dube, Ryan Mannix and Jimmy Quinn

PLEASE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020-2021

Joseph Christopher Carbone  
Andrew Chang  
Connor Mayr  
Emily Brooke O'Keefe  
Andrew Thatcher Sarzen