

Just live it.

Do not merely listen to the word, and  
so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

**August 30, 2015**

**Be Love**

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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17

August 30, 2015

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27

✠ Invites worshippers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

**NCH** - Indicates the New Century Hymnal

### Welcome and Greetings

**One:** Sometimes our lives are so busy and our world so confused that we need a place where we can just sit and think and be ourselves. This is a place for just that..

**All:** **No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!**

### Prelude

*Behold a Host*

E. Grieg

### Call to Worship

**One:** Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

**All:** **Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.**

**One:** God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes pulsing spurts, and sometimes a mighty flood. But always God is with us.

**All:** **We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs. We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are our God.**

—Call to Worship by Peggy McClanahan

✠**Procession:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* **NCH 12**

### ✠Passing the Peace

### Unison Prayer of Invocation

**All:** **Creator God, you have loved us passionately into being. We come today seeking your presence and to know we are your beloved! Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts that we may look into your loving gaze and see ourselves reflected there, as you see us. Let our love for you reflect your perfect love as we gather as your Beloved Community.**

## **The Response: Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9**

One: My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**All: You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.**

One: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

**All: you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**

One: your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

**All: daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

**A Time of Sharing with our Children** *Rev. Susan Huffman*

**Anthem**

*Air*

G. F. Handel

Anna Hughes, oboe

**The Epistle: James 1:17-27** **Pew Bible, NT, p. 213**

**Meditation: Be Love**

*Rev. Ted Huffman*

**Hymn:**

*Just as I Am*

**NCH 207**

**Prayers of the People**

**Community Concerns**

**Quiet Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (We use "debts" and "debtors.")

**Offerings:**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Devotional*

D. Benoit

✠**Doxology**

**NCH 780**

✠**Recessional:**

*Great Is Your Faithfulness*

**NCH 423**

✠**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata in F*

D. Buxtehude

Worshippers are invited to be seated for the postlude.

## CHOIR NEWS



**Adult Choir** will resume on **Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00pm**. Whether you are new to the choir or have been a part of this wonderful group for years, all are welcome. Join in making a joyful noise! For more information, contact **Steve Branch**, Director.

The **Bell Choir** will start rehearsals on the first **Wednesday after Labor Day, September 9, at 6:00pm**. Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir please contact **Michael Bossen**, Director, at **343-5514**, or come to the first fall rehearsal on **September 9**.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF AND POTLUCK

We will kick off the Sunday School year with a Back-to-School potluck on **September 13**.

A main course and beverages will be provided. Bring salads, side dishes, desserts and favorite summer foods to share.

Sign the kids up for Sunday School and meet this year's teachers. Stay for lunch and share with you church family!



## FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN



Forty Days of Prayer for Children begins on **September 6**.

In our church, this is a time for us to focus on the needs of children around the world. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex. Please take time to sign up and to pray for children during our vigil of prayer.

# This Week's Events

## Today: Sunday, August 30

- 9:30am: Worship
- 10:30am: Fellowship
- 3:30pm: The Well Service

## Tuesday, September 1

- 1:00pm: Craft Day
- 1:15pm: Spiritual Practices

## Wednesday, September 2

- 6:30pm: Dept. of Hospitality
- 7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

## Friday, September 4

- 1:00pm: Stained Glass Project
- 1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

## Sunday, September 6

- Forty Days of Prayer for Children begins
- 9:30am: Worship for All Ages
- 10:30am: Fellowship
- 3:30pm: The Well Service

# News and Events

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our condolences to the family of **Maralee and Arnett Dennis** following the death of their sister-in-law, **Delores Hamm** of Rapid City on August 23.

Our sympathy and prayers continue to be with the families of **Mimi Comley** and **Bill Dittmer** following their deaths. Their lives were celebrated at **First Congregational Church** on August 24.

Please hold **Ben Schnabel** in your prayers as he recovers from the hip replacement surgery he underwent on August 28.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sue Maynard**, following a knee injury, **Melvin Pietz** who has been hospitalized and **Marvin Bitterman** and **Kathryn Dannenbring** who are recovering at home.

Our prayers are with **Ginny and Ed Enz's** great grandson, one year

old **Gage Kloeckl**, as he continues to have heart issues.

Please hold the following in your prayers as they battle cancer:

**Laura Boyd's** brother, **John Winder**; **Carol Boyles's** brother, **Terry Hammon**; **Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy**; and **Sheila Long's** mother, **Debbie Torrey**.

Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **John Ameson**, **Mavis Iverson**, **Gordon Magnusson**, **Ida Muree St. Pierre**, **Shirley Triggs** and **Kay Wolff**.

Our prayers are with the following members, families and friends:

**Carol Boyles's** brother, **Rex Hammon**; **Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson**; **Reverend Don Stoebner**; **Joe Trana's** father, **Dan Trana**; and **Deb Tompkins's** brothers, **Bob Hills** and **Joe Hills**, her nephew, and her friend, **Barb Reynolds**.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Communion Table today are given by the **Sharon and Kevin Sandmeier** in memory of **Janice Sandmeier and Lloyd Weber**. *“No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

1 Corinthians 2:9

## BIRTHDAYS

**August 31:** Zeva Dailey, Cam Miller, Holly Perli  
Heather Sazama

**September 2:** Joan Koch

**September 3:** Betty Bossen  
Bernie Lambert  
Dylan Stader  
Becky Umenthum

**September 5:** Jenny Kozel

## WELCOME AND THANK YOU

The special music today was provided by **Anna Hughes** who was this year's recipient of the Inabelle Willard Scholarship. Anna will use the scholarship to help fund her college education at Gustavus Adolphus this fall.

## THE AUGUST CALL

Print editions of *The Call* are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex.

## CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group has made pet beds located in Fellowship Hall along with a new assortment of

greeting cards. All donations go to outreach and Phase 2. Thank you.

## COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee Servers are needed for **September**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can help. If you are new to this process and would like some assistance, contact the church office.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Don't forget:** Aparna will be reading to the children in the Readers' Corner after church. Also, watch for the fall startup of the Readers' Club.

## MEALS FUNDRAISER

Western SD Senior Services **MEALS** Program is holding its annual “Black Tie **Non-Event**.” They are asking that contributions be made by **August 31**. An “invitation” is posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful church friends who sent calls, cards and prayers to me during my difficult surgery and recovery. I currently am in therapy to help me walk again.

*Marge Pitts*

Thank you for all your love and prayers for Johnathan as he is away at Marine boot camp. Correspondence may be sent to the following address:

**Recruit Johnathan Nickel**  
**3rd BN India Co PLT 3203**  
**36001 Midway Ave**  
**San Diego CA 92140-3203**

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First Congregational United Church of Christ of Boulder, Colorado has pledged to be a WISE Congregation for Mental Health— Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged—for all those with mental health challenges and their loved ones.

The congregation's WISE Covenant reads, in part, "We, the people of First Congregational Church of Boulder, Colorado, know we are graced by the gifts, stories, and experiences of all our members, including those living with mental health challenges . . . We care about the whole person: body, heart, mind and soul. We affirm the deep and constant movement of God's Holy Spirit, seeking to bring us to the fullness of life. We believe that all people are beloved by God, and if a person has a mental health challenge that person has a right to be seen as a person first. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.' He made no distinction between various members of society; he did not show any partiality. He included all people in this commandment."

First Church recognizes that "individuals with mental health challenges such as brain disorders, mental illnesses, addictions and trauma feel cut off from God and do not feel included. It is our calling to communicate to all individuals that God loves all of us equally, even when we do not feel the love of the Holy Spirit in our lives."

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



# Thanks to:

## Our Church Family and Friends

**Cam Miller**, guestbook and nametags

**Doris Marie Strom and Ed McLaughlin**, greeters

## Usher Team 5

**Kyle Grauman**, liturgist

**Jayce Angel and Corrin Burke**, acolytes

**Anna Hughes**, special music

**Brenna and Brad Evans**, coffee hosts

**Cam and Harold Miller**, dishwashers

**Aparna Ayyangar**, Readers' Corner Reader

## Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Ted E. Huffman**

Pastor and Teacher

**Rev. Susan R. Huffman**

Pastor and Teacher

**Rev. Kathleen Batchelder**

Pastor and Teacher

**Denise Webster**

Treasurer

**Julie Burton, Laura Switzer**

Administrative Colleagues

**Michael Bossen**

Bell Choir Director

**Michael Ross**

Organist

**Dr. Stephen Branch**

Adult Choir Director

**Gerry Boehrs**

Moderator

**Rev. Dr. Henry Bradshaw**

Pastor Emeritus

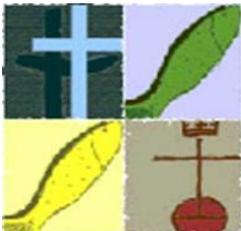
**Lynnell Parrott**

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**Doris Marie Strom**

Choir Directors Emeriti



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