
GUIDE POSTS

Sunday, June 8

9:00 A.M. CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHANCEL)
9:00 A.M. EDUCATION AND FORMATION MEETING (LIBRARY)
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL (SANCTUARY)

Monday, June 9

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING (GUILD ROOM)

Tuesday, June 10

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)
6:00 P.M. MUSIC AND WORSHIP MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

Sunday, June 15 – Honoring Sunday

9:00 A.M. CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CHANCEL)
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
11:15 A.M. HONORING RECEPTION (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Tuesday, June 17

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

Sunday, June 22

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
11:30 A.M. CONFIRMATION PARTNERS (YOUTH ROOM)
3:00 P.M. ROBINSON RECITAL (GUILD ROOM)

Monday, June 23

7:00 P.M. HUMAN RESOURCES (CONFERENCE ROOM)

Tuesday, June 24

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (CONFERENCE ROOM)

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First Congregational Church of Evanston
Hinman and Grove Evanston, Illinois 60201
founded 1869

June 8, 2008 10:00 a.m.

*At First Congregational Church, worship begins with the Prelude.
We invite you to use this time for silence, prayer, and meditation.*

Prelude *Partita on Be Thou My Vision* Daniel Pinkham
Opening Words Genesis 12:1–9
Kindling the Light
Introit *Psalm 150* David Lornson

****Please rise as you are able.****

Call to Worship (Leader; People)

Rejoice in the LORD; O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the LORD; make melody to God. Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of our SOVEREIGN is upright, and all the work God does, is done in faithfulness.

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

Happy are we, whose God is the LORD.

Happy are the people whom God has chosen as a heritage.

Hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* **No. 264**

Prayer of Approach (Unison)

God of blessing, you call us to you, from wherever we are. But we must confess that we have been reluctant to follow. Though Matthew left his table and followed when he was called, we have often stayed put. We have arguments and excuses for why — we are too ordinary, too ill-equipped, too unprepared, too busy, too old, too young.

Forgive us for failing to take seriously enough our responsibility to be a blessing to the whole world. Knowing your persistence toward us, and remembering that ancient tax man's willingness, we pray that you might call us anew, and we gather now to hear again your restoring, redeeming word. Amen.

Singing God’s Glory (responsive) *Glory to God* Peruvian melody
 Minister: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
People: **Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!**
 Minister: To God be glory forever!
People: **To God be glory forever!**
Group 1: *Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen!* (sing 3 times)
Group 2: Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen! (sing 2 times)
 Group 3: Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen! (sing once)

Ritual of Greeting (Passing the Peace)

You may be seated.

Welcome, Announcements and Signing of Friendship Pads

Scripture Readings

From the Epistles Romans 4:13–25
 The apostle Paul demonstrates, through the examples of Abraham and Sarah, how faithfulness can be righteousness.

From the Gospels Matthew 9:9–13
 Jesus commands the tax man Matthew to follow. Matthew unexpectedly and immediately complies. At dinner that night with Matthew’s friends, Jesus takes heat for the company he is keeping.

Anthem *My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-kindness of the Lord* Gerald Near
 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord, with my mouth will I show forth thy truth. For I have said, “mercy is set up forever; thy truth shalt thou ’stablish in the heavens.”

Disciple Dialogue

****Please rise as you are able for the Hymn.****

Hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine* **No. 313**

Sermon “*Oh, I’m the Tax Man*” Rev. David Denoon

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Our Savior

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *Let My Prayer Rise Like Incense* David Lornson

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Our Savior

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 for ever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* Daniel Pinkham
Translation from Latin: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth. O be joyful in the Lord all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness. Come before God’s presence with thanksgiving. Know that the Lord is God: it is God that created us and not we ourselves. Alleluia!

****Please rise as you are able.****

Song of Praise

Doxology

Tune: OLD 100TH

*Most people have memorized a doxology to this tune.
 You may sing your favorite words, or use these, which the Minister is singing:*
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures, here below;
 Praise God above, you heavenly host:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives. Yours is the direction that has brought us this far. Now, hearing your call, we respond with these gifts so that your word and your will might go even farther in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* **No. 343**

Parting Words “Just as I Am” Charlotte Elliott, 1834

Choral Benediction *The Peace of God* David Lornson

The Light Goes Forth

Postlude *And all the Bells Rang Out the Good News* Daniel Pinkham

Thank you for worshiping with us today! During the Postlude, worshipers are free to be seated again quietly, or to exit the Sanctuary. Out of respect for those who may be offering a silent prayer, talking is discouraged until you have reached the Narthex.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER**

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You are welcomed and seated today by Joe Page, Patty Sprague, Sandy Whiteley and Steve Wilson.

The greeter today is LaRae Ackerson.

Our lay reader today is Laurie Brown.

Thank you to Lacey Ogbolumani for hosting today's coffee hour.

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Our known homebound members include: Esther Brandenburg, Kay Clark, Jean Davies, Bud Goff, John Hands, Marye Belle Hart, Dixie Hoffman, Esther McGinnis, Irv Newgren, Dorothy Nix, Franklin and Pat Snyder, Nina Stevens and Mary Fran Symonds. Please inform the pastor or church office if we have missed anyone.

Please Help Support Sanctuary Organ Repairs - After 80 years of faithful service, our historic 1927 Skinner pipe organ is in need of repair. The tops of white keys are coming unglued and falling off. Erickson, Christian, and Associates, the respected Chicago company that has been servicing our organ, has submitted a proposal to replace all 108 white key tops on the three manuals. Our goal is to raise \$7500, or \$70 per key. If you are able to help underwrite the cost of this important repair, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Any financial assistance - large or small – could be made payable by check to the First Congregational Church with the memo “organ repair.” Please contact David Lornson, Director of Music, if you have further questions. **Pick a key, any key, and help us reach our goal! Thanks to all who have already contributed. To date we have raised \$4515 which covers 64.5 keys.**

Today's service features music by two American composers: Gerald Near (b. 1942) and Daniel Pinkham (1923 – 2007). Near studied composition with Leo Sowerby at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and Pinkham studied organ and harmony at Phillips Academy and Harvard. Pinkham's teachers included Aaron Copland, Nadia Boulanger, and E. Power Biggs. Pinkham was on the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music and was Music Director of historic King's Chapel in Boston for 42 years.

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