



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

One: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,
as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike

**All: Refresh us with your mercy,
We who know our own injustice.**

One: As a stream flows steadily on,
defying all the odds of stone and water,

**All: Flow over every boundary and border
That separates us from one another.**

One: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

All: Renew us now in the freshness of life and the unity of love.

One: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

All: Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.

***Hymn (printed)**

O For a Thousand Tongues

Confession

One: In the light of your word
and your call to care for creation,
we come to seek mercy, God.

**All: We're sorry for the times we've messed up,
for bad decisions we've made,
for people we've hurt,
for damaging your world.**

One: In the silence, we seek your forgiveness for ourselves
and healing for the world.

(Moment of quiet)

One: Listen to what God says to us:

'I made the heavens and the earth.

I call you to be good servants and responsible stewards.

Come and work with me. I will always be with you."

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

Sermon

Music

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Let us pray...

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of the Savior (debts/debtors)

Announcements

***Hymn** (printed) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Benediction**

Hymns are in the Public Domain.

Readings

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

O for a Thousand Tongues

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Charles Wesley

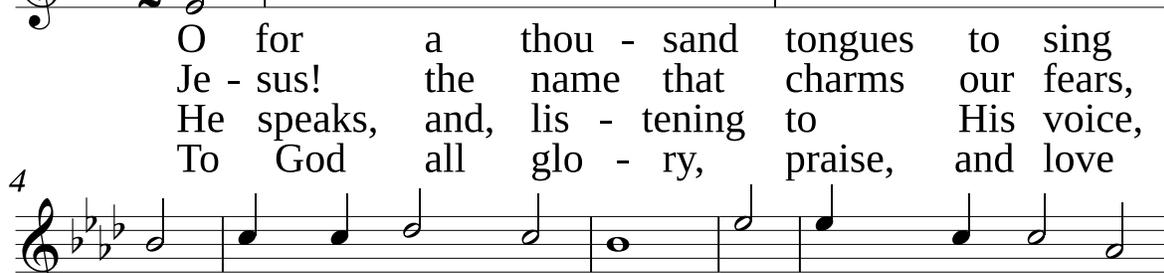
Carl G. Glaser
Lowell Mason

$\text{♩} = 120$
Verse



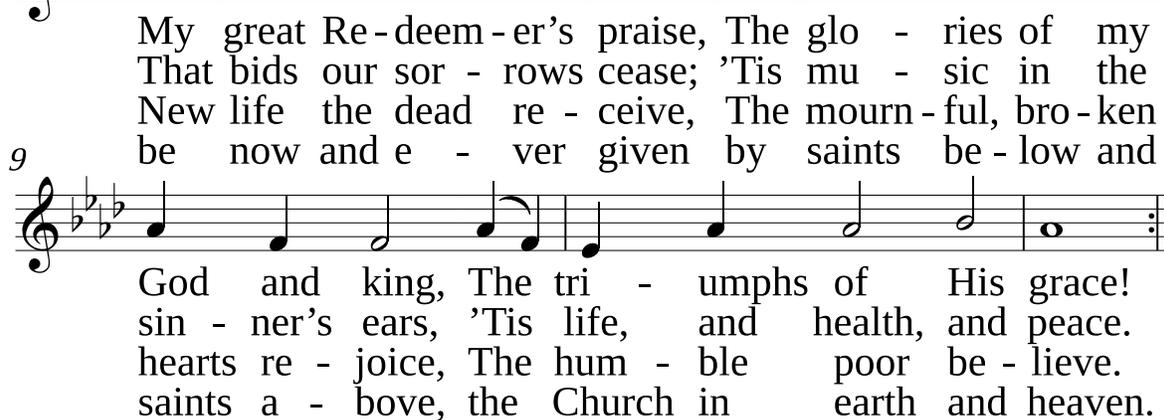
O for a thou - sand tongues to sing
Je - sus! the name that charms our fears,
He speaks, and, lis - tening to His voice,
To God all glo - ry, praise, and love

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My great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
New life the dead re - ceive, The mourn - ful, bro - ken
be now and e - ver given by saints be - low and

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God and king, The tri - umphs of His grace!
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
hearts re - joice, The hum - ble poor be - lieve.
saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

My.Hymnary song - O for a Thousand Tongues

Come, Thou long expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL (8.7.8.7.D)

Charles Wesley

Rowland H. Prichard

$\text{♩} = 140$
Verse

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 140. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 5, 13, 21, and 29. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Come, thou long— ex - spect - ed Je - sus,
Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver,
5
born to set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
13
born a child and yet— a King, born to reign in us for - e - ver,
let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
21
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal spi - rit
hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion,
29
rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it,
joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
raise us to— thy glo - rious throne.

My.Hymnary song - Come, Thou long expected Jesus

This Week @First

Tuesday, January 25

7:30 p.m. Steering Team, Parlor

Wednesday, January 26

9:30 a.m. Stroller Class, Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, January 30, Epiphany 4

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Parlor

11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Giving

Our online giving platform is available through an app on your phone or tablet as well as through our website. On your phone or tablet you can search “**Vanco Mobile**” in your app store. Once downloaded, you can search out “First Congregational Church” and scroll down the list until you see “**First Congregational UCC, Park Ridge.**” Once you select our church you will not have to search again. One in the app, you will see a scroll at the bottom of the screen which allows you to select the purpose for your gift (s). On the webpage these will appear as large tiles on your computer screen. On either platform you can set up immediate gifts as well as schedule future gifts and set up recurring donations.

The list of purposes changes throughout the year to accommodate seasonal and specific requests such as Special Offerings, Blanket Sunday, Poinsettia’s etc., so do not be surprised if the list is different from time to time. General Operating gifts (both pledges and other giving), Building Fund, the Good Samaritan (Pastor’s Discretionary fund to help those in need), and Flowers are always available.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on February 13 immediately following worship. We will meet in the Sanctuary as we review the year just past and anticipate the year ahead. All members are asked to be present, and non-members are welcome to join in.