

# July 16, 2023

## The First Congregational Church of Verona

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 23 – Lauren Supplice

Sunday, July 30 – TBD

Sunday, August 6 – Rev. Paula Whitacre

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

Leader: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

**All: We are all one family, all over the world.**

Leader: We are all one family, each unique, each special.

**All: We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey in faith.**

Leader: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

**All: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.**

### HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**

**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;**

**Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,**

**Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

## **INVOCATION**

Leader: Creator, your presence among us illuminates our lives. Make us fertile soil, receptive to the seeds planted by your word. Nourish us with Living Water and grow us through the energy of your empowered and healing rays of sunshine. Let us encounter you afresh as we gather in community. May our worship show our love for you and each other. Make your presence known to us and through us for your glory. Amen.

## **INTROIT**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of life, Lord of mercy, we confess that, like Esau and Jacob, we selfishly make decisions that do not honor you or others. Believing ourselves wise, we foolishly follow our own way, falling short of your glory. Our pride keeps us from being honest about ourselves, our sin, and our needs. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us the gift of your healing grace. Restore again both the joy of knowing you and the freedom of being known by you. Make us new and lead us in the way of life everlasting. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Hear these words from Romans 5:6-8: “ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Sisters and brothers the good news is that we are forgiven, restored and made new because of God’s love.

## **ANTHEM**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON – Genesis 25:19-34**

### **SERMON – The Battles Within Births Outward Division**

**Rev. Scarlet Gorton**

## **MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

## **A TIME OF PRAYER**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Choral Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN – Lord, I Want To Be a Christian**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,**

**In my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,**

**In my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**