

JOINT SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WASHINGTON & SALEM COVENANT CHURCH



September 6, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation

"Everything has seasons, and we have to be able to recognize when something's time has passed and be able to move into the next season. Everything that is alive requires pruning as well, which is a great metaphor for endings." – Dr. Henry Cloud

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray

Musical Introit

*Call to Worship (written by Joanna Harader) Rev. Linda Williams We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

Opening Prayer

Virtual Anthem

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Pastor Tamara Ravelo

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:7, 8 New Testament Reading: John 15:1-10

Reader: The Word of the LORD. / All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Rev. Gray

OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayers of the Church and 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Offering & Blessing of our Work

The Invitation

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Presentation

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Meditation Pruning Time

Rev. Williams

HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Words of Institution and Invitation

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOING FORTH TO LIVE OUR FAITH

Closing Hymn

*Benediction

Postlude

*The congregation will please stand as able.

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Robyn Gray, Ph.D., 1st Congregational Church
 Rev. Linda S. Williams, Salem Covenant Church
 Pastor Tamara Ravelo, Salem Covenant Church,
 Mr. Jesse Ofgang, 1st Congregational Church Accompanist

SALEM COVENANT CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING UP

September 11 – **9.11 Service** at the Washington Fire Department

September 13 - - Fall Sunday School programs begin

September 14 – Pastoral Intern, Rebekah Lindberg arrives

September 23 – 4th Wednesday Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm.

1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING UP

September 7 – Zoom Bible Study, 10:30 am

September 13 – **Mixing of the Waters**

September 20 – Quarterly Meeting, after service





And he took bread,
gave thanks and broke it,
and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."
~ Luke 22:19

Riverwalk Pavilion, Washington Depot September 6, 2019 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost