

August 28, 2022

## Order of Worship

9:30am

*An asterisk (\*) indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in BOLD are responses spoken by the congregation.*

### Welcome

Deacon

### Prelude

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*  
J.S. Bach

Laura Murach

### Call to Worship

Deacon

One: Come, you who are lost, searching, broken.

**All: Let's be the church!**

One: Come, from near and far and in between.

**All: Let's be the church!**

One: Come, you who've been shamed, forgotten, and lonely.

**All: Let's be the church!**

One: Friends, the table is set and there is a place for you.

**All: Let's be the church together!**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*God is Here! As We Your People Meet*

NCH 70

*(Deacons will collect Joy/Concern cards at this time.)*

### Scripture

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture.

**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Hebrews 13: 1-6

Pew Bible, p. 1052

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Pew Bible, p. 907

The grass withers and the flower fades,

**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

### Sermon Message

"Table Manners"

Rev. McDaniel

### \*Hymn

*I Come with Joy*

NCH 349, v.1-3

### Prayers of the People for the World

Rev. McDaniel

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

### Lord's Prayer

Rev. McDaniel

**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, now and forever. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*I Come with Joy*

NCH 349, v.4-5

**\*Benediction**

Rev. McDaniel

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

**\*Parting Song**

*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again*

(modified)

**God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Ludwig van Beethoven

Laura Murach

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Our guest minister for today is Rev. Dr. Ginny McDaniel. Ginny was born into a musical family and could hold her own in a 3-part round before she could read. She majored in choral conducting at Wellesley College and later used her musical training during her 25-year career as an ordained minister. Since retiring as Senior Minister at First Congregational Church in Granby, she studies the harp, enjoys her young grandchildren, and volunteers as a therapeutic musician in hospice and nursing home settings.

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