

First Congregational Church in Bristol
Wherever you are on life's journey *You are welcome here!*

Insert for July 9, 2023 ~ 10:00am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship

Prelude

***Opening Hymn**

"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

PH #19

The Hebrew Lesson

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Kate Sparrow

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Gospel Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Rev. Deborah Brault

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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Sermon

"Intention and Inclination"

Rev. Deborah Brault

Hymn

"My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

NCH #417

(At this time the Deacons will collect your prayer cards)

Offertory

***Closing Hymn**

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

PH #351

Postlude

~ Our celebrant today is the Reverend Deborah Tate Breault ~

~ Our Organist is Nikita Zabinski ~

~ Our lay liturgist today is Kate Sparrow ~

~ Our greeters today are Kate Sparrow, Janine Beausoleil, Eleanor Ingraham & Clifford Gustafson ~

Coming up on the Calendar

July 9 2023 CE meeting after worship
July 12, 2023 Facility meeting
July 14 – 20th Barbara will be on vacation office closed
July 20, 2023 Church Council Meeting 7pm
July 22, 2023 Private party in DW room
August Ecumenical Meals
August 10, 2023 Ice Cream Social with Lawn Games
August 13, 2023 Deacons meeting after worship