First Congregational Church in Bristol

Wherever you are on life's journey You are welcome here!

Insert for July 16, 2023 ~ 10:00am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship

Prelude

*Opening Hymn "Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart"

The Hebrew Lesson Psalm 13 Doug Harrington

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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

Matthew 10: 40-42

Rev. Deborah Brault

PH #345

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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Sermon "A Gift of Grace" Rev. Deborah Breault

Hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" NCH #247

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

Offertory

*Closing Hymn "Lord Dismiss Us With You Blessing" PH #63

Postlude

 \sim Our celebrant today is the Reverend Deborah Tate Breault \sim

~ 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 $14 - 20^{th}$ 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