



Wherever you are coming from, and wherever you are going, **you belong.**  
Whatever your background, your race, or your ethnicity, **you belong.**  
Whomever you love, whatever your sexual orientation, **you belong.**  
Whatever gender expression, **you belong.**  
Whatever nationality or legal status, **you belong.**  
Whatever your abilities, **you belong.**  
Whatever generation you come from, **you belong.**  
Wherever you lay your head at night, **you belong.**  
Whether you are a long-time Christian, spiritual seeker, or a doubter, **you belong.**  
If you're here this morning, **you belong.**

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**April 28, 2024**

# Worship Celebration

April 28, 2024

10:30AM

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**Prelude**

Alan Chavez, Pianist

**Welcome and Announcements**

Ken Rockwell

**Greeting Your Nearby Neighbor**

**\*Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation” vss. 1–4

#544

**Call to Worship**

One: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

**Many: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

One: God’s love was revealed by sending His beloved Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

**Many: Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.**

One: God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

**Many: We love because God first loved us.  
Let us worship God!**

**Invocation and Lord’s Prayers (Unison)**

God of all creation, we celebrate the good news that You are love. We celebrate the power of new life filled with promise, the hopeful vision of a new heaven and a new earth. Like a spring garden, You have planted us, that we may bear good fruit for the world, through Jesus the Christ, who teaches us to pray: “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, the Power and the Glory forever. Amen”

**Choir Anthem**

Devon Bettolo, Director

**Scripture Reading**

Deuteronomy 6:4–12

May the Lord bless us and help with  
our understanding of these words.

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:1–16

**Message**

**“Life Together”  
“Power Tools Required”**

Rev. Doug Gray

**Sermon Hymn**

**“Who You Say I Am”**

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**Verse 1**

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

**Chorus 1**

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

**Verse 2**

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

## **Chorus 2**

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

## **Bridge**

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

## **Tag**

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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## **Joys and Concerns Silent and Pastoral Prayers**

### **Prayer Response (Unison)**

#4

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless God's holy name. Amen*

### **Invitation to Offering Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. Your loving judgement has provided the pruning our lives, require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received, and to continue Your ministries to others' needs, as we seek to live together in Your love. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**      "How Firm a Foundation"    vss. 1-4      #132

### **\*Benediction (Unison)**

Let us go out into the world as channels of peace and grace. We pray that God would strengthen us, so that we can hold onto what is good, and return no one evil for evil. May our mission be to strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. As we love and serve the Lord together, may we discover the joy of living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**\*Congregational Hymn**      "God Be with You"      #716

God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation, please stand, if able.*

### **Would you like to be added to our church directory and email list?**

Do we have your email yet? As we strive to strengthen our church community and ensure effective communication, we are in the process of updating our church directory and email list. If you haven't already done so, we kindly ask you to consider adding your contact information to our church directory and email list. To be added to our church directory and email list, please email Kristi at the church office ~ [firstcongregationalslc@gmail.com](mailto:firstcongregationalslc@gmail.com), or you can write it down and give it to Pastor Doug today.

## Announcements

**Adult Formation** ~ We meet Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The book we will be studying from is *A Skeleton in God's Closet* by Paul L. Maier. (Make sure you buy the 2012 edition.) We meet in a classroom in the Christian Ed. Wing of All Saints, across the hall from FCC Offices.

**Friday Lunch Bunch ~ May 3** Please join us at noon most Fridays, for a spiritually enriching lunch experience, as we delve into the teachings and wisdom of the Bible. Our weekly Bible Study sessions are open to all and provide an opportunity to explore the scriptures, discuss their relevance in our lives, and grow in faith together. We meet in person or by Zoom.

**Taizé Worship with ASEC May 5 and 19@7pm** ~ Worship is meant to be experienced with all our senses, to involve our whole body in praising and honoring God. The Taizé worship experience is designed to do just that. Twice a month, All Saints Episcopal hosts Taizé worship—meditative music, prayerful chanting, thoughtful message, and Biblical worship all rolled into one! Why not give it a try!

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed** ~ Celebrating a special occasion? Enjoying the fellowship after an uplifting worship service? Consider helping with Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet by the goodies and we will try to help with set up and clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Cissy Wolff at [cissywolff@gmail.com](mailto:cissywolff@gmail.com) or call/text at 801-243-5457.

**Informational Meetings on the Budget, Missions and the Future** ~ We are excited to invite you to participate in a series of informational meetings focused on our budget and future planning. Your input and engagement are invaluable as we work towards the upcoming year. These meetings aim to provide transparency and foster collaboration between our members and council. We encourage all attend and share their perspectives, ideas, and priorities.

**Today ~ April 28 ~ Following Worship**

**May 1 ~ Zoom@7:30pm**

**May 5 ~ Following Worship**

**May 14 ~ Meeting@6pm (Location ~ Sawdey/Wolff residence)**

**Cares and Concerns Committee** ~ The Deacons Board wants to revive the Cares & Concerns committee, which would help provide meals to members who are ill, injured, grievances, or have surgery. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this committee as well as volunteers who could provide a part of a meal (main dish, dessert, salad) in a time of need. We would also like to create a list of volunteers who might be willing to help with putting together a reception following a funeral/memorial. Please let us know if you are willing to help in any capacity toward this caring community commitment. Please contact Carla McIntire or Diane Forster-Burke.

**April Outreach** ~ The Outreach Board has chosen The Utah Food Bank program “Kids Café” to receive donations designated to Outreach for the month of April. Kids Café: Kerri Duncan is in charge of Kids Café and she was excited to hear that we were supporting her program.




*“Filling the nutrition gap that exists during out-of-school hours with nutritious after-school meals.”* They currently serve 2,000 meals a day. During the summer, when the children are not in school, they serve meals at parks and other locations.

Utah Food Bank’s Kids Café is offered in partnership with educational after-school sites at local elementary schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, and community centers. Last year alone, this program provided 366,466 meals to children at risk of hunger. Kids Café meals provide the kind of nutrition that grows healthy, resilient bodies and minds. It helps fill the nutrition gap that often exists during out-of-school hours for many children who rely on free or reduced-price meal programs during the school day. The objectives of the program are twofold: first, to ensure that the children most vulnerable to hunger receive an evening meal, and second, to provide balanced nutrition in each meal served.

Last year, our Kids Café kitchen staff prepared an average of 1,409 meals each weekday. These meals were packed and transported to 121 sites where at least 50% of the children qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches. Participating sites offer not only a way to satiate hunger, but also a safe place where children can participate in educational, recreational, and social activities under the supervision of trustworthy staff.

**Annual Meeting June 2** ~ We are thrilled to announce that our annual meeting will be held on June 2, 2024, following worship. This event is a pivotal moment for our community, where we gather to reflect on our achievements, discuss upcoming initiatives, and chart the course for the future. Please add this to your calendar and plan to attend. Your input is valued and important.

**Our Church Website!** ~ [www.firstcongregationalslc.org](http://www.firstcongregationalslc.org) ~ We're thrilled to invite you to follow us on our official church website! It's the perfect way to stay connected with all the latest news, events, and updates from our community. By following us on our website, you'll:

-  Stay informed about upcoming events, special services, and other important announcements.
  -  Receive timely updates on community initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and outreach programs.
  -  Access valuable resources, including videos, sermons, devotionals, and study materials to deepen your faith journey.
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### **Office Hours for Kristi**

Monday – Off  
Tuesday – In office 8:30am – 3pm  
Wednesday – Remote Hours  
Thursday – In office 8:30am – 3pm  
Friday – Remote Hours

### **Hours for Rev. Doug Gray**

Monday – In office 9am – 4pm  
Tuesday – In office 9am – 4pm  
Wednesday – Off  
Thursday – In office 9am – 4pm  
Friday – In office 9am – 4pm

### **Weekly Calendar**

May 1 – Men's Breakfast @8am (Sharon's Café)  
**May 1 – Informational Meeting held via Zoom@7:30pm**  
May 2 – Trustees Meeting@2:30pm  
May 2 – Choir Rehearsal@7pm  
May 3 – Bible Study@Noon  
May 5 – Adult Formation@9:15am  
May 5 – Choir Rehearsal@9:30am  
May 5 – Worship Service@10:30am  
**May 5 – Informational Meeting following worship**  
May 5 – Taizé service with ASEC@7pm

### **Looking Ahead**

**May 14 – Informational Meeting@6pm held at Sawdey/Wolff Residence**  
May 15 – Annual Reports Due  
May 17 – Women's Breakfast@9am  
**May 25–27 – Memorial Day Weekend**  
    **Rev. Joanna Hart, preaching** ~ Pastor Doug and Cynthia at family wedding  
**June 2 – Annual Meeting following worship**