

Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow." ~Maya Angelou

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand.)  
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Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JIM McNEIL, LAY READER

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

***OPENING HYMN: # 257 ALLELUIA! GRACIOUS JESUS! VERSUS 1, 2, 4**

*Call to Worship

Leader: Live in God's love!

All: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Leader: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

All: We are called to be God's witnesses.

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice.

All: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.

Amen.

*Opening Prayer

All: Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, amen.

*The Gloria Patri (sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *Words: Anonymous, 4th Century.*

Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the public domain.

MOTHER'S DAY MOMENT

PASTOR JON

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31, 1PETER 3:13-22

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING: JOHN 14:15-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR JON

SERMON: READY

PASTOR JON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

***HYMN: #43 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING VERSES 1 AND 2**

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING (PLEASE BE SEATED)

MINISTER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #473 BLESSED ASSURANCE VERSES 1-3**

*Minister: Let us join together and read responsively:

***All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.**

*BENEDICTION

Minister: Being washed in the love of Christ, now go into this world with the healing love of God to be given generously in peace and hope. God's peace will always be with those who live in God's love. AMEN.

***UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.** *Words/music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream obtained from One License #A-739847.*

Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: Jim McNeil
Ushers: Lill Banas and Boris Gerber
Counters: Dennis & Janet Artley
Guest Organist: Sandy Jarmuzewski

Altar Guild: Nancy Wedge
Greeter: Bobbi Zubi
Fellowship Hosts: Curt & Shari Davis

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	May 14	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship Time
Thursday	May 18	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday	May 19	11:45 a.m.	Ladies Luncheon - Hunan Restaurant

Announcements

- ❖ This morning's altar flowers are donated by Nancy Wedge in memory of Patricia Kreft (mother) and Audrey Dignan (grandmother).
- ❖ Donations for the Church World Service Blanket Appeal will gladly be accepted throughout the month of May.
- ❖ Calling all members - If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees, please call the church office (989-356-1795), Deborah Butler (989-255-2812) or Sandy Jarmuzewski (989-354-4542):
Budget/Finance, Comstock, Counters, Investment, Missions, Personnel, Property, Stewardship, Worship
- ❖ Plans are well underway for our Reunion Sunday, July 2. Please complete the enclosed Guest List card (additional cards available in the middle hallway) for friends, family and former members who should be invited.
- ❖ We would like to acknowledge graduates in our newsletter. Please call the church office by May 25 if you or an immediate family member are graduating from high school, college, grad school or trade school.
- ❖ The Ladies Luncheons are back! Please join us at 11:45 this Friday, the 19th at Hunan Restaurant. We will meet the second Friday in June, July, August and September. Call Peg DiNegro at 352-281-2283 with any questions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, shown on the Internet, as they are happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday services may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 14, 2023

*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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