

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

Jesus said, “But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Luke 6:27-28

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(\* ) indicates when those who are able may 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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION: SUNRISE MISSION

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*OPENING HYMN: #596 ROCK OF AGES
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*Call to Worship
Leader: God’s way is wondrous and holy.
All: Those who love God will pursue it.
Leader: Though the path be treacherous and the progress slow,
All: God take us by the hand and lead us to safety.

*Opening Prayer
All: Holy God, with every breath, you offer us faith to walk into the magnificence of your abundance. We lift our voices and our hearts in praise to you, giving thanks for your love. 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.
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FIRST READING (LAY READER): PSALM 96:1-9

SECOND READING (PASTOR): LUKE 6:27-37

SERMON: “A GENEROUS SPIRIT” REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: #410 IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU (VERSES 1, 3)
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SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING (PLEASE BE SEATED)

LEADER: 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: #573 LEAD ON ETERNAL SOVEREIGN (VERSES 1, 3)
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*BENEDICTION: Go in peace. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon you, and linger in your hearts and minds throughout the coming week, and forevermore. 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.

Postlude

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

Lay Reader: **Jim McNeil**

Greeter: **Jere Standen**

Fellowship Hosts: **Terry & Jackie Bell, Beverly Olsen, and Lynn Stewart**

Altar Guild: **Deb Butler**

Ushers: **Lynn Stewart & Pat Labadie**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	October 22	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Thursday	October 26	5:30 PM	Choir Practice

Announcements

- ❖ Our opening Hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Bev Olsen.
- ❖ Altar Flowers given by Jim and Cindy Straley in honor of the Stewardship Campaign.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ The Board Minutes are available in the Congregational Classified section in the hallway by the elevator.
- ❖ The Welcoming Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 26 at 6:45 pm here at the church. All are welcome!
- ❖ The next Worship committee meeting is Monday, November 6 at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Pat Garant will be coordinating the Mitten Tree starting in mid-November. She will be collecting adult and children sized mittens, hats, scarves, and socks that will be distributed to local agencies in time for Christmas.
- ❖ The area food pantry is in need of: boxed potatoes (mashed, au gratin, scalloped, cheesy), canned fruit (any kind), Jello/pudding (either boxes or 4 packs), any kind of Rice a Roni or noodles and sauce.
- ❖ Please be aware when exiting the building that the doors are closed firmly and securely.

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 service may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.

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.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 22, 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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