

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER

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

***OPENING HYMN: #473 BLESSED ASSURANCE**

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***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are the people of God.

All: Shine your light upon us, God.

Leader: May we reflect the glory of the Risen Christ.

All: Make our lives a beacon that attracts others to a life in Jesus. AMEN

***Opening Prayer**

All: God of heaven and earth, we praise you because you have set us apart for important work. You have chosen us to be disciples after the fashion of Christ Jesus. Open our hearts and ears to His heavenly message. 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 116: 1-2

SECOND READING (PASTOR): 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26, 25

SERMON: A COMMUNION MEDITATION

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN: BUILD A LONGER TABLE (INSERT)**

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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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (INSERT)

***CLOSING HYMN: I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS (INSERT)**

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***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon you, and linger in your heart 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 breadth 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: Marilyn Kettler

Altar Guild: Joan Chrzan

Greeter: Shari & Curt Davis

Communion: Ashley Wedge

Ushers: Sandy Jarmuzewski & Penny Anderson

Fellowship Hosts: Nancy and Ashley Wedge, Sonny & Joan Chrzan

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	September 3	10:00 AM	Worship & Communion Service 'Meet & Greet' with Rev. Hotchkin and Toni
Monday	September 4		Labor Day
Friday	September 8		Ladies Lunch

Announcements

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Richard Hotchkin to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Flowers are in honor of Reverend Hotchkin and his wife Toni.
- ❖ This morning's Opening Hymn was chosen as part of our 'favorite hymn' series. This hymn has special significance to Penny Anderson.
- ❖ Ladies luncheon is September 8, Friday at 11:45 am at Chee Peng Restaurant, 1237 US 23 N, in Alpena. Please note we have changed the place that we usually meet. Reservations are not necessary. Call Peg at 352-281-2283 or Dottie at 989-916-4101 with questions. Friends and guests are always welcome.
- ❖ Feed A Family Needs - Kathy from the Salvation Army is indicating that their biggest need at this time is: canned Spaghettios, Beefaroni and Ravioli along with boxed Macaroni and Cheese. She is also indicating, "Anything they can provide would be very helpful". In the meantime, they still need individual cracker & cheese packets, cracker & peanut butter packets, cookie packets and Jello as well as pudding 4 packs. Thank you.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ Choir practice will begin on September 14.

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

September 3, 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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