

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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## WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE,  
AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY,  
*YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.*

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“JESUS SAID, “THEREFORE I TELL YOU, HER SINS, WHICH WERE MANY,
HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN; HENCE SHE HAS SHOWN GREAT LOVE.” LUKE 7:47
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(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

### A TIME OF REFLECTION

### \*OPENING HYMN: #423 GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS (ALL VERSES)

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM, 1923; ALT.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LAY READER, LYNN BORKE

LEADER: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS!.

ALL: THE EARTH IS RICH, AND THE YIELD IS PLENTIFUL.

LEADER: COME, REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

ALL: FOR GOD HAS DEALT WONDROUSLY WITH US.

### \*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, EARTH, SEA, AND SKY TEEM WITH YOUR ABUNDANCE. DESPITE THE WORLD’S VASTNESS AND INTRICACY, YOU HAVE MADE PROVISION FOR SUSTAINING EACH AND EVERY CREATURE, FROM TINY TO GREAT. TEACH US TO APPRECIATE THE FULLNESS OF YOUR CREATION. 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.

### ANTHEM

### SCRIPTURE LESSON: LUKE 7:36-50

### SERMON: “THE ETIQUETTE OF MERCY”

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

### \*HYMN: #420 WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD (ALL VERSES)

JULIA C. CORY, 1902; ALT.

### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.

### SERVICE OF CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES

### \*CLOSING HYMN: #422 COME, O THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME (ALL VERSES)

ST. 1, HENRY ALFORD, 1844; ALT.; ST. 2, ANNA LAETITIA AIKEN BARBAULD, 1722; ALT.; ST. 3, COMPOSITE OF ALFORD AND BARBAULD; ALT.

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*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

GREETER: BEV OLSEN

USHERS: GARY JARMUZEWSKI & PENNY ANDERSON

FELLOWSHIP: MARY MINNICK & JAY/MARILYN KETTLER

ALTAR GUILD: CINDY STRALEY

LAY READER: LYNN BORKE

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| SUNDAY          | NOVEMBER 23    | 10:00 AM      | WORSHIP SERVICE      |
| THURSDAY/FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 27/28 | OFFICE CLOSED | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEDGE CARDS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE BACK TABLE IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE OR NEED ANOTHER.
- ❖ DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS** FACILITATED BY REV. GENE BACON WILL CONTINUE ON **DECEMBER 5TH**. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
- ❖ THE **AREA FOOD PANTRY** IS IN NEED OF **TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FOODS**: GRAVY (CANNED OR PKG'D), STUFFING (GREAT VALUE AT WALMART IS INEXPENSIVE & GOOD), CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, CANNED GREEN BEANS, YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES, MASHED POTATOES (PKG'D OR BOXED) AND BISCUIT MIXES. PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ WE ARE PLANNING TO **DECORATE THE SANCTUARY** IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY. (OTHER AREAS OF THE CHURCH MAY BE DECORATED, AS NECESSARY, BY ANYONE.)
- ❖ **UPCOMING DATES** TO NOTE:
  - **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** WILL MEET EARLIER IN **DECEMBER** ON THE **5TH** AT **JJ's STEAK & PIZZA HOUSE** AT **11:30 A.M.** CONTACT DOTTIE HAASE (989-916-4104) for more information.
  - **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 7TH** (TICKETS **\$15.00** AVAILABLE UNTIL **DEC. 1**) CONTACT NANCY WEDGE (989-356-4402 OR WEDGE.NANCY@GMAIL.COM) FOR TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.
  - **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT & OPEN HOUSE (DECEMBER 19).**
- ❖ SEE NANCY WEDGE TO GRAB SOME DISHCLOTHS (\$2.50 EACH) FOR STOCKING STUFFERS OR GIFT EXCHANGE GIFTS. CORN BROOMS (\$20 EACH) ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK FOR **CARDS AND CARE LETTERS** IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

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 HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 23, 2025

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,  
we welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love.*



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