

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"I have come to see clearly that life is more than self. It is more than doing what I want, striving for what will benefit me, dreaming of all I can be. Life is all about my relationship with God. There is no higher calling, no loftier dream, and no greater goal than to live, breathe, and be poured out for Jesus Christ." ~Brother Andrew

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYNN BORKE, LAY READER

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

*OPENING HYMN: #151 'T WAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME VERSES 1-4

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do. God has called each of us before we were even born. It was God who named us. It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

All: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*Opening Prayer

All: God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh.

Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: ISAIAH 49:1-7

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9 AND JOHN 1:29-42

SERMON: SERVANTS, SINNERS, SAINTS

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

*HYMN: #159 AS WITH GLADNESS THOSE OF OLD VERSES 1-4

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(PLEASE BE SEATED.)

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

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 FROM OUR ABUNDANCE WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH
PASSION FOR JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN: #434 ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS VERSES 1 & 2

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*BENEDICTION

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.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. 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: Lynn Borke

Ushers: Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski

Fellowship Hosts: Bill & Dottie Haase and Penny Anderson

Altar Guild: Nancy Wedge

Greeter: Ron Borke

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 15, 2023

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

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	January 15	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Fellowship followed by Covenant Conversation
Thursday	January 19	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Announcements:

- ❖ All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Covenant Conversation gathering following fellowship time today.
- ❖ The 2023 giving envelopes have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and are ready for members to pick them up.
- ❖ Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, following the worship service. The meeting will be offered in-person only.
- ❖ All groups and committees are encouraged to decorate the lighted display case in the front hallway. Please complete the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.
- ❖ Feed A Family needs for January: Juice, any flavor (cans, cartons, bottles), cereal, pancake mix and syrup.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters each week in the middle hall and to keep the recipients in your prayers.

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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