

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Passing one of our big churches today I ran across this significant slogan, calculated to impress the passing wayfarer: 'We Will Go Out of Business. When? When Every Man in Detroit Has Been Won to Christ.' Of course it is just a slogan and not to be taken too seriously, but the whole weakness of Protestantism is in it. Here we are living in a complex world in which thousands who have been 'won to Christ' haven't the slightest notion how to live a happy life or how to live together with other people without making each other miserable [1928]." ~Reinhold Niebuhr, Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynic

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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: #286 SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS** VERSES 1, 2, AND 4

*Call to Worship

Leader: Morning has broken. Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us. Let us worship God together.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Prayer

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:26-30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MARILYN KETTLER

SERMON: THE COMMON DENOMINATOR

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

***HYMN: #436 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY** VERSES 1, 2, AND 4

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** ALL VERSES

*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: O Christ our only Savior, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes and the fire of inspiration on our tongues, and your love in our hearts. 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: Marilyn Kettler
Ushers: Max & Vicky Lindsay
Counter: Tammy Veasy
Guest Organist: Sandy Jarmuzewski

Altar Guild: Jackie Bell
Greeter: Blair Diamond
Fellowship Hosts: Bill & Dottie Haase
and Penny Anderson

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 11, 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	June 11	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship Time
Monday	June 12	5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting

Announcements

- ❖ The flowers on the altar for this morning's worship service are dedicated in loving memory of Dolly Zeller from Dolly's family.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.

*Please join us for Fellowship Time following the service.
We would love to get to know you better!*

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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