

OCTOBER 26, 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 SAYS, “AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.” JOHN 20:21
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(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A TIME OF REFLECTION

\*OPENING HYMN: #26 We Worship You, God (ALL VERSES)

ROBERT GRANT, 1833; ALT.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

LAY READER, BILL DEMPSEY

LEADER: WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, GATHERED IN WORSHIP.

ALL: WE COME TO LISTEN TO GOD’S GOOD NEWS FOR US.

LEADER: WE COME TO CONSIDER HOW WE MIGHT RESPOND.

ALL: WE COME, UNITED BY THE SPIRIT.

\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD IN LIFE. MAY YOUR PRESENCE INVADE ALL THAT WE ARE SO THAT WE MAY GROW AND BE SUSTAINED, DEDICATED TO YOUR WAY OF LIFE. BLESS US IN THE ACT OF WORSHIP SO THAT WE MAY BECOME TRUE DISCIPLES OF 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.

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 20:19-31

SERMON: “LIVING HANDS”

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

\*HYMN: #36 To God Compose a Song of Joy (ALL VERSES)

RUTH DUCK, 1986

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

LYNN BORKE

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.

\*CLOSING HYMN: #448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be (ALL VERSES)

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1874; 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:** BOBBI ZUBI  
**USHERS:** GARY JARMUZEWSKI & PENNY ANDERSON  
**FELLOWSHIP:** VICKY & MAX LINDSAY

**ALTAR GUILD:** DEB DESIMONE  
**LAY READER:** BILL DEMPSEY  
**COUNTERS:** DENNIS & JANET ARTLEY

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | <b>OCTOBER 26</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b> | <b>OCTOBER 30</b> | <b>5:30 PM</b>  | <b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>        |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   | <b>OCTOBER 31</b> | <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>CLASS: WORLD RELIGIONS</b> |

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY **ANN & JEFF GEROW** IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM OF THEIR GRANDSON, **WESTON NESMITH**.
- ❖ THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS** FACILITATED BY REV. GENE BACON CONTINUES ON **OCTOBER 31ST**. THE CLASS WILL FOCUS ON **HINDUISM** FOR THE NEXT THREE SESSIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS ENGAGING AND INFORMATIVE CLASS.
- ❖ **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** ARE NEEDED FOR **DECEMBER**. PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY IF YOU CAN HELP.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK FOR **CARDS AND CARE LETTERS** IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ **UPCOMING DATES** TO NOTE: **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK (NOVEMBER 9TH)**, **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH AT POMPEYOS (NOVEMBER 14TH)**, **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (DECEMBER 7TH)** AND **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT & OPEN HOUSE (DECEMBER 19)**.

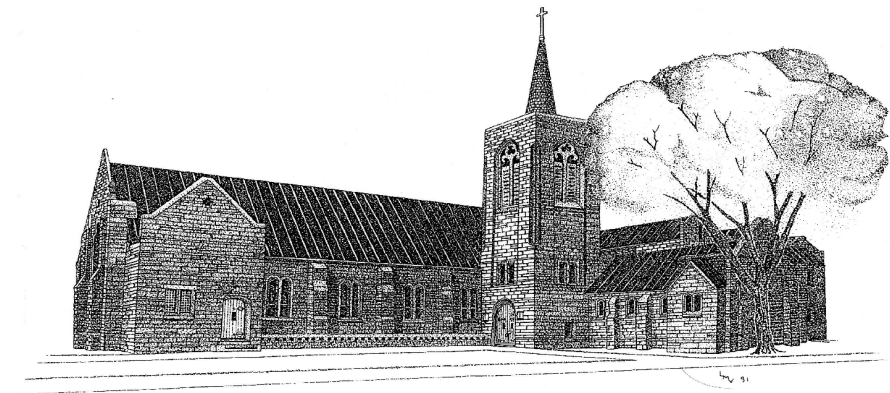
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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.
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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 26, 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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