

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS  
AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. **MATTHEW 5:16**  
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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.)

A TIME OF REFLECTION

*OPENING HYMN: #151 'T WAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME (ALL VERSES)

JEAN DE BREBEUF, C. 1643 (TRANSL. JESSE EDGAR MIDDLETON, 1926: ALT.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER

ALL: CHILDREN CRY OUT WHEN LOST. THEY RUN, ONLY TO GET THEMSELVES FARTHER
AWAY FROM HELP. THEY PANIC, AND FEAR DRAWS THEM INTO EVEN GREATER DANGER.
WE ARE ALL LIKE CHILDREN WHO ARE LOST. LET US STAY PUT FOR THIS HOUR OF
WORSHIP, AND LET HELP COME TO US. LET US WAIT FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE
SAFE AND PROTECTED IN THE HANDS OF GOD.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU BRING ALL THINGS TO LIFE; WE HAVE OUR LIVES IN AND
THROUGH YOU. IN THIS HOUR, WE GAZE UPON YOUR FACE, AS INFANTS FOCUS ON THE
LOVING FACE OF THEIR MOTHERS. AND WHAT WE SEE THERE IS WHAT THE FORTUNATE
CHILD SEES; GENTLE, ADORING LOVE, TEMPERED WITH WISDOM. WE SEE HOPE THERE
ALSO, HOPE THAT RETURNS OUR GAZE AND TELLS US THAT OUR LIVES ARE TREASURES,
AND THAT WE WILL BE PROTECTED AS WE POUR OUT THIS TREASURE UPON THE WORLD.
GOD OF COMFORT AND CLOSENESS, WE ARE HUMBLED BY YOUR GOODNESS, AND
GRATEFUL BEYOND WORDS FOR YOUR LOVE. 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: **MATTHEW 5:14-16**

SERMON: "THIS LITTLE LIGHT"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: **WE THREE KINGS** (INSERT, ALL VERSES)

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: #164 ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME (ALL VERSES)

RUTH DUCK, 1973

*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

LAY READER: MARILYN KETTLER
USHERS: MAX & VICKY LINDSAY
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL AND DOTTIE HAASE AND PENNY ANDERSON

ALTAR GUILD: NANCY WEDGE
GREETERS: JOE AND PAT GARANT

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 12, 2025

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	JANUARY 12	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	JANUARY 13	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT

- ❖ PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, LESLIE REYNOLDS, WHO REPLACES NANCY ROSS.
- ❖ ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE **JANUARY 26** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY A SOUP POTLUCK IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. **2025 MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT & APPLESAUCE (THE 4 PACKS OF JELLO & PUDDING GO OVER REALLY GOOD FOR THE CHILDREN), ANY KIND OF BOXED POTATOES (AUGRATIN, SCALLOP, CHEESEY), ANY KIND OF RICE OR NOODLES PKGS. THEY MAKE GOOD SIDE DISHES. FEEL FREE TO USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ A NOTE FROM KATHY: WE HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE MEAT OUT. (CHICKEN, HAMBURGER, OR GROUND TURKEY, BEEF ROASTS, ON OCCASION SALMON FILETS, HAM & TURKEY BESIDES HOT DOGS, LUNCHMEAT - GOD IS SO GOOD !!!) THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD PANTRY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOUR EFFORTS.

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.

*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.*



The Rev. Dr. Richard E. Hotchkin, Transition Minister

The Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus

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