

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." ~Abraham Lincoln

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER

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

***OPENING HYMN: #182 WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING** VERSES 1-3

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

All: In our songs and our words;

Leader: In our deepest thoughts and desires;

All: In the youthful and the experienced, the exhausted and the energetic;

Leader: In the hungry and the scared.

All: We are here together. We join our voices and our hearts in praise. Amen.

*Opening Prayer

All: Holy God, who revealed the Messiah on the mountain, fill us with praise, overflowing with cheers and mysterious visions. Light our way; direct our course; and energize us, for we have one more mountain to climb, through Jesus Christ, who is the light. 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.

FIRST READING: 2 PETER 1:16-21

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 17:1-9

SERMON: WITNESS TO TRANSFIGURATION

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

***HYMN: #451 BE NOW MY VISION** VERSES 1-3

(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: #522 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY** VERSES 1 & 4

*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: When Jesus' glory is revealed to us, we become transformed. We are not who we were before. Go now to your homes, your neighborhoods, your schools, and places of work as new people. Go as Christians illumined by the glory of God in Christ. Be renewed and be radiant. 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

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

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Bill Dempsey**

Altar Guild: **Ashley Wedge**

Ushers: **Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski**

Greeter: **Penny Anderson**

Fellowship Hosts: **Bob & Diana Kelly and Pat & Joe Garant**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 19, 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	February 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	February 22	5:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Supper & Service (at St. Paul Lutheran Church)
Thursday	February 23	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Announcements

- ❖ Please note - The next two community Lenten observances are scheduled for:
 - March 1 -- First United Methodist Church -- Simple Supper at 5:00 followed by Worship Service at 6:00.
 - March 8 -- Grace Lutheran Church -- Simple Supper at 5:00 followed by Worship Service at 6:00.
- ❖ On a table in the middle hallway are numerous items featuring the church's crest and insignia including shirts, coasters, etc. Please feel free to take what you would like, and leave a donation if possible.
- ❖ 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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