

# Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it." ~Joni Eareckson Tada

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

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

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

### \*OPENING HYMN: #160 JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD VERSES 1-4

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### \*Call to Worship (Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

All: **Why should we be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

All: **What have we to fear?**

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

All: **Let us sing and make music before our God.**

### \*Opening Prayer

All: O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Century.*

*Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the public domain.*

FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 4:12-23

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LYNN BORKE

SERMON: FINDING COMMON GROUND

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

\*HYMN: #503 O SAVIOR, LET ME WALK WITH YOU VERSES 1 & 4

*THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.*

(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: #173 YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE VERSES 1&2

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\*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: As we leave this gathered worship, we know that we do not leave alone. We go with God into a world resonant with God's presence. We go with one another, bound together in Spirit and in truth, a mighty company of disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us go, then, separately but together, as we seek to be the on-going sign that God is at work in the world. 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: **Lori Mayer**  
Ushers: **Ashley Wedge** and **Nancy Wedge**  
Children's Ministry: **Lynn Borke**

Altar Guild: **Nancy Wedge**  
Greeters: **Bill & Deb Dempsey**  
Fellowship Hosts: **Jeff & Ann Gerow**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 22, 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 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Fellowship
Thursday	January 26	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

### Announcements:

- ❖ Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 29, following the worship service. The meeting will be offered in-person only. Hope to see you all there!
- ❖ Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or can be picked up at the church office Monday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm.
- ❖ 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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*Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus*

Part-Time Interim Pastor: *Reverend Jon Gougeon*

Organist & Choir Director: *Kat Tomaszewski*

Office Administrator: *Judy Suszek*

Treasurer: *Denise Fusina*

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