

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tide and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." ~ *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

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

CENTERING SONG – ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
(sing through twice)*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BONNIE BARTZ, LAY READER

***OPENING HYMN: #4 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE YOU** ALL VERSES

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

All: We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

Leader: We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ which surpasses understanding.

All: We come to worship and to praise the source of love and peace.

Leader: Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

*Opening Prayer

All: Parent God, we thank you for the homes in which we were nurtured, and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. We thank you also for the new birth Christ offers us through your love, and for the larger family we find in the church and

among the people of the world. Through the power of your Spirit, make us alive to love and serve you in our families, our church, and our world; make us your true children in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Easter Song of Praise** #236 -- Halleluja

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 13:31-35

ANTHEM

CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN: #539 WON'T YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT** ALL VERSES

SERMON: LOVE IN ACTION

REV. EUGENE BACON

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN: PART OF THE FAMILY (INSERT)**

*BENEDICTION

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.

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. 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.**

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Postlude

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

Lay Reader: **Bonnie Bartz**
Altar Guild: **June Perry**
Counter: **Boris Gerber**
Fellowship Hosts: **Penny Anderson, Joe & Pat Garant, and Bill & Dottie Haase**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Ushers: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 8, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	May 8	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	May 9	5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday	May 10	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesday	May 11	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice

Announcements:

- ❖ Calling all members - If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees, please call the church office (989-356-1795), Blair Diamond, Board Chair (989-354-4714), or Deborah Butler, Board Vice Chair (989-255-2812):
Budget/Finance Committee, Comstock Committee, Counters Committee, Investment Committee, Missions Committee, Personnel Committee, Property Committee, Stewardship Committee, Worship Committee
- ❖ Please remember to use the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary if you're interested in helping to host Fellowship Hour, or would like to participate in the upcoming Congregational Conversations meetings.

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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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*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



Transitional Ministers: *Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case (Pastor Emeritus)*
and *Reverend Eugene Bacon*
Organist & Choir Director: *Kat Tomaszewski*
Office Administrator: *Judy Suszek*
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John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."