

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"The word 'Christian' means different things to different people. To one person it means a stiff, upright, inflexible way of life, colorless and unbending. To another it means a risky, surprised-filled adventure, lived tiptoe at the edge of expectation...If we get our information from the biblical material, there is no doubt that the Christian life is a dancing, leaping, daring life." ~Eugene H. Peterson

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOTTIE HAASE, LAY READER

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

*OPENING HYMN: 299 FOR ALL THE SAINTS VERSES 1-3

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*Call to Worship:

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of hope and abundance.

All: We have come from a busy week in which we have been pulled this way and that, with demands on our lives, our time, our energy.

Leader: Come and rest in the Lord who heals and restores you.

All: We need this restoration in all of our lives.

Leader: Pour out your needs to the Lord who will always hear and respond.

All: Lord, we praise you and seek your calming spirit in our lives. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer:

All: Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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.*

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SCRIPTURE: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

ANTHEM

CHOIR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LYNN BORKE

GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38

SERMON: STANDING FIRM AND FACING THE PUZZLES

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

*HYMN: #55 REJOICE, YOU PURE IN HEART VERSES 1-3

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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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (PLEASE REFER TO INSERT)

*CLOSING HYMN: WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN (INSERT) VERSES 1,2,5,6

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*BENEDICTION

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.

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. *Words/music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream obtained from OneLicense #A-739847.*

Postlude

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

Lay Reader: **Dottie Haase**
Altar Guild: **Cindy Straley**
Ushers: **Ashley Wedge** and **Nancy Wedge**
Communion Ministry: **Janet Artley**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Greeter: **Beverly Olsen**
Fellowship Hosts: **Mary Minnick**
and **Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 6, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	November 6	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship
Thursday	November 10	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Announcements:

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Jon Gougeon to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Feed A Family items needed: Hamburger and Tuna Helper, Rice & Sides, Noodles & Sides, 4-pack Pudding and Jello Cups, canned Ravioli and canned Spaghetti.
- ❖ We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 20 immediately following the worship service. Please come and join the fun!
- ❖ Save the Date - Sunday, December 11 - All Church Family & Friends Christmas Luncheon - More information to follow.
- ❖ Please remember to sign all three Care Letters and keep the recipients in your prayers this week.

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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.*



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