

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"If one is forever cautious, can one remain a human being?"
~Alexander Solzhenitsyn

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

CENTERING SONG – SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART (SEE INSERT)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BONNIE BARTZ, LAY READER

*OPENING HYMN: #6 SING PRAISE TO GOD, OUR HIGHEST GOOD VERSES 1-4

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our shared ministry.

All: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing his dreams with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

All: We will look to the new day, and we will dream of the Kingdom. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of our reputation or old but cherished traditions, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.

*Opening Prayer:

All: Eternal Giver, as we thank you for the wondrous, precious gift of life, we are aware of how time slips through our fingers. Caught up in yesterday's dreams and tomorrow's hopes, we pass by the opportunities of today. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of today motivated by the vision of your reign, which is coming into being every moment. Amen.

*Pentecost Song of Praise - Hymn #42 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Vs 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 10:38-42

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: #501 WE ARE DANCING SARAH'S CIRCLE ALL VERSES

SERMON: LIKE MARTHA OR MARY?

REV. EUGENE BACON

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

*CLOSING HYMN: #493 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED ALL VERSES

*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. Words and music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream this music 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: **Bonnie Bartz**
Altar Guild: **Jackie Bell**
Ushers: **Lynne Stewart & Pat Labadie**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Fellowship Hosts: **Penny Anderson,**
Bonnie Bartz, and **Dottie Haase**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 17, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday July 17 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Announcements:

- ❖ Please plan to attend our Congregational Conversation next Sunday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. A taco salad lunch will be served. To sign up, please call or email the church office or complete the sign-up forms at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to join in-person or virtually.
- ❖ URGENT - Fellowship hosts are needed for July 31 as well as the month of August. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or call Bill Haase at 989-916-4104 for more information.
- ❖ Reverend Cheryl Burke, Associate Conference Minister, is scheduled to lead our July 31 worship service.

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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*
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Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."