

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

“Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and
happier.” ~Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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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: #472 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND** ALL VERSES

***Call to Worship:**
Leader: Come, Beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.
All: We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.
Leader: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.
All: We come trusting God’s mercy to center and change us.
Leader: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.
All: May God’s ancient action be present presence as we gather.

***Opening Prayer:**
All: Holy Love, take our weary waiting and form in us a readiness for renewal.
Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Let
no weight of the moment prevent our remembering of your long reach of faithfulness
cast over the whole creation. Still us enough to discover again your prayer rising in
our praying, that we may be formed by your love made known to us in Jesus Christ.
By this, change us on the inside that our outer lives may more clearly reflect your
will and way of mercy into the world. 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
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SCRIPTURE: PSALM 111 (READ RESPONSIVELY. PLEASE REFER TO INSERT)

ANTHEM **CHOIR**
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE **PAT GARANT**

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 17:11-19

SERMON: RECOGNIZING OUR BLESSINGS **REV. LARAIN E SUNDIN**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN: #425 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION** ALL VERSES

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: #386 THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION** ALL VERSES

***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 and music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream this music obtained from*
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Postlude

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

Lay Reader: **Bill Dempsey**
Altar Guild: **Deborah Butler**
Usher: **Pat Labadie**
Counter: **Dennis & Janet Artley**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Greeters: **Joe & Pat Garant**
Fellowship Hosts: **Lynne Stewart** and
Bob & Diana Kelly

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	October 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fellowship Hour
Monday	October 10	5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday	October 13	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	October 14	11:45 a.m.	Ladies Lunch

Announcements:

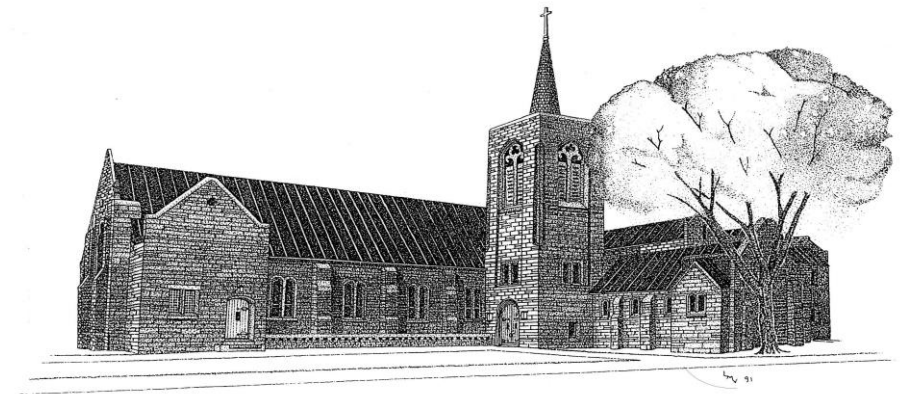
- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Laraine Sundin to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Your Neighbors in Need (NIN) donation may be brought to an upcoming Sunday service, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to the church. Please make your check payable to First Congregational Church with "NIN" denoted on the memo line.

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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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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 9, 2022

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



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