

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Intense love does not measure, it just gives." ~ *Mother Teresa*

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYNN BORKE, LAY READER

*OPENING HYMN: #434 ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS ALL VERSES

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, travelers.

All: Welcome.

Leader: Sometimes it is harder to cross an unmarked boundary between the haves and have-nots, than to travel a thousand miles.

All: Sometimes it is harder to forgive an old friend than to welcome a stranger.

Leader: But God teaches us that we should both forgive our friend and welcome the stranger as we would welcome Jesus Christ.

All: However far we have come this week, we bring gifts of ourselves, our minds, our compassion, our love, and our dedication. Let us continue our journey together.

*Opening Prayer

All: We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love, even the stranger, as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

ANTHEM: GO IN LOVE

CHOIR

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN: #498 JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE ALL VERSES

SERMON: OUTSIDERS

REV. EUGENE BACON

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: #436 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY ALL VERSES

*BENEDICTION

Minister: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go and join Christ in the world, healing and speaking words of freedom, revealing the sacred in the very midst of life, through the ever-flowing grace of God. 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: **Lynn Borke**
Altar Guild: **Nancy Wedge**
Fellowship Host: **Bonnie Bartz**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 30, 2022

*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 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service followed by Annual Meeting
Tuesday	February 1	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	February 3	7:00 p.m.	Welcoming Committee (via Zoom)

Announcements:

- ❖ Please remember to sign the care letters on the table behind the sanctuary, and to keep Janet Artley, Ray & Kathy Moore and John & Joyce Murphy in your thoughts and prayers.
- ❖ The Welcoming Committee is meeting at 7:00pm this Thursday, February 3. The meeting is via Zoom and all are welcome to attend. To join us just click the "Join Fellowship Hour Here" button on our church webpage.
- ❖ Copies of the 2021 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 members are welcome and encouraged to join our annual meeting (in-person or virtually) following today's worship service. Fellowship coffee and treats will be served in the hallway outside the sanctuary following the service to accommodate the annual meeting.

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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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Transitional Ministers: *Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case (Pastor Emeritus)*
and *Reverend Eugene Bacon*

Organist & Choir Director: *Kat Tomaszewski*

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Frances W. Wile, 1910; alt.

1. All beau-ti-ful the march of days,
as sea-sons come and go;
the hand that shaped the rose has formed
the crys-tal of the snow,
Has sent the sil-ver frost of heaven,
the flow-ing wa-ters sealed,
And laid a si-lent love-li-ness
on hill and wood and field.

2. O'er bril-liant fields of spar-king snow
the ra-diant morns un-fold;
The sol-ern splen-dors of the night
burn bright-ly through the cold.
Life mounts in ev-ery puls-ing vein,
love deep-ens 'round the hearth,
And clear-er sounds the an-gel hymn,
"Good will to all on earth."

3. O you from whose un-fath-omed law
the year in beau-ty flows,
your-self the splen-did vi-sion seen
in crys-tal and in rose,
The pass-ing days with grace de-clare,
and pass-ing nights pro-claim,
In ev-er-chang-ing words of light,
the won-der of your name.

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain:

Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Knelt at the feet of his friends,
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,
Je-su, you act-ed as ser-vant to them.

Refrain:

2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,
var-ied in col-or and race,
neigh-bors are near and far a-way.

Refrain:

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

Refrain:

4. Lov-ing puts us on our knees,
show-ing our faith by our deeds,
serv-ing the neigh-bors we have from you.

Refrain:

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Refrain:

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1. God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on your peo-ple pour your power;
crown your an-cient church's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.

2. From the e-vils that sur-round us
and as-sail the Sav-ior's ways,
from the fears that long have bound us—
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.

3. Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to your con-trol.
Shame our reck-less, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole.

4. Set our feet on loft-y plac-es;
gird our lives that they may be

STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

ar-mored with all Christ-like grac-es,
in the fight to set us free.

Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
in the quest for lib-er-ty,
in the quest for lib-er-ty.

5. Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore;
let the search for your sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.