

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

“Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.” ~ *Abraham Heschel, Polish-born American rabbi and one of the leading Jewish theologians and Jewish philosophers of the 20th century.*

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BONNIE BARTZ, LAY READER

*OPENING HYMN #12 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD ALL VERSES

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has made this day.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

All: May God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness, be praised in all the earth.

*Opening Prayer

All: O God of the faithful in every time, today you have called us into your church to be one body in Jesus Christ. You have bestowed upon us the gifts we need for your service. Grant that we may willingly take our part; that we may support one another; and that we may seek the greatest gift, which is love. Knead us together into one loaf with all your people throughout the world, through your Spirit of unity. 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 12:12-31A

ANTHEM: GO INTO THE WORLD

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CHOIR

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN #177 GOD OF CHANGE AND GLORY ALL VERSES

SERMON: WHAT IS MY GIFT?

REV. EUGENE BACON

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #18 GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER ALL VERSES

*BENEDICTION

Minister: Go into the world. You are the body of Christ. God grant you the eyes of Christ to perceive human need, Christ's hand to heal, and Christ's heart to love, through the dynamic energy of the Holy Spirit. 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: **Nancy Wedge**
Fellowship Hosts: **Penny Anderson, Ann & Jeff Gerow, and Bill & Dottie Haase**

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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 23, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	January 23	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	January 25	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Announcements:

- ❖ Altar flowers for today's worship service are donated by Nancy Wedge in memory of her father, John Kreft (1/24/2013).
- ❖ Please remember to sign the care letters on the table behind the sanctuary, and to keep Patricia Leahy and Donna Marsh in your thoughts and prayers.
- ❖ 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 to join the annual meeting (in-person or virtually) scheduled for next Sunday, January 30 following the 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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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1. I sing the might-y power of God
that made the moun-tains rise,
That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad,
and built the loft-y skies.
I sing the wis-dom that or-dained
the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's com-mand,
and all the stars o-bey.
2. I sing the good-ness of our God
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the crea-tures with a word,
and then pro-nounced them good.
Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played,
wher-e'er I turn my eye:
If I sur-vey the ground I tread,
or gaze up-on the sky!
3. On earth there's not a plant or flower
but makes your glo-ry known.
The clouds a-rise and spread their showers
by or-der from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you
and ev-er in your care;
Wher-ev-er peo-ple gath-er, you,
O God, are pres-ent there.

Ps. 136:5–9; James 1:17

God of Change and Glory

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Al Carmines, 1973

1. God of change and glo-ry, God of time and space,
when we fear the fu-ture, give to us your grace.
In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain:

Man-y gifts, one Spir-it, one love known in man-y ways.
In our dif-fer-ence is bless-ing, from di-ver-si-ty we praise
one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God
known in man-y ways, hal-low-ing our days.
For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

2. God of man-y col-ors, God of man-y signs,
you have made us dif-ferent, bless-ing man-y kinds.
As the old ways dis-ap-pear, let your love cast out our fear.

Refrain:

3. Fresh-ness of the morn-ing, new-ness of each night,
you are still cre-at-ing end-less love and light.
This we see, as shad-ows part, man-y gifts from one great heart

Refrain:

1 Cor. 12:4–27.

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2–3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1. Guide me, O my great Re-deem-er,
pil-grim through this bar-ren land;
I am weak, but you are might-y;
hold me with your power-ful hand.
Bread of heav-en, bread of heav-en,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain,
where the heal-ing wa-ters flow.
Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar
lead me all my jour-ney through.
Strong de-liv-erer, strong de-liv-erer,
ev-er be my strength and shield,
ev-er be my strength and shield.

3. When I reach the Riv-er Jor-dan,
bid my anx-ious fears sub-side.
Death of death, and hell's de-struc-tion,
land me safe on heav-en's side.
Songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es
I will ev-er sing to you,
I will ev-er sing to you.

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39–44; Rev. 22:1–2

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Gospel:

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”