

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"As I look around on Sunday morning at the people populating the pews, I see the risk that God has assumed. For whatever reason, God now reveals himself in the world not through a pillar of smoke and fire, not even through the physical body of his Son in Galilee, but through the mongrel collection that comprises my local church and every other such gathering in God's name. (p. 68, Church: Why Bother?)" ~ Philip Yancey

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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

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***OPENING HYMN: HERE I AM, LORD** PLEASE REFER TO INSERT

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*Call to Worship:

Leader: Sometimes we feel too small and insignificant to be of any notice to Jesus.

All: Yet the Lord provides a tree for us to climb so that we can see Jesus.

Leader: That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.

All: We are given the opportunity to witness to the Savior's presence in our lives.

Leader: Lord, help us when we forget how much we are loved by Christ.

All: Open our hearts to receive his invitation this day. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer:

All: Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things 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: PSALM 32:1-7

ANTHEM

CHOIR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LYNN BORKE

GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10

SERMON: OUT ON A LIMB

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

***HYMN: #99 ABIDE WITH ME** ALL VERSES

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(PLEASE BE SEATED.)

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: #471 WHAT A COVENANT** ALL VERSES

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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: Lynn Borke
Altar Guild: Deborah Butler
Ushers: Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski
Counters: Dennis & Janet Artley

Live Stream Operators: Jay Kettler
and Lynn Borke
Greeter: Blair Diamond
Fellowship Hosts: Lynne Stewart
and Bob & Diana Kelly

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 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	October 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service and Fall Festival
Thursday	November 3	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Announcements:

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Jon Gougeon to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Today is the day -- Please join us after the worship service for our Fall Festival. See you all out on the front lawn!
- ❖ We are looking for additional persons or couples to assist the assigned hosts (Mary Minnick in November and Bonnie Bartz in December) for Fellowship Hour following our Sunday worship services. Contact Bill Haase at 989-916-4104 or complete the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can help host any of the Sundays. Please sign up to help. Thank you!



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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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