

## Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked." *Psalms 73:1-3*

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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: #425 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION ALL VERSES

\*Call to Worship (from Psalms 139):

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up. You discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high I cannot attain it.

\*Opening Prayer (from Psalms 139):

All: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle in the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. Come into our presence, O God, as we worship you this day. 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: JEREMIAH 18:1-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PAT GARANT

\*HYMN: #252 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US ALL VERSES

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 14:25-33

SERMON: A NEW DAY

REV. TIM MURTAUGH

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

\*CLOSING HYMN: #439 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD 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: **Joan Chrzan**

Ushers: **Boris Gerber** and **Lillian Banas**

Fellowship Hosts: **Nancy Wedge, Ashley Wedge, and Joan & Sonny Chrzan**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**

and **Lynn Borke**

Greeters: **Joe & Pat Garant**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 4, 2022

## This Week's Calendar

Sunday	September 4	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	September 5	Labor Day	Office Closed
Thursday	September 8	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday	September 9	11:45 a.m.	Ladies Lunch - Hunan Restaurant

## Announcements:

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Tim Murtaugh to the pulpit today and again on September 18.
- ❖ The Godspeed service for Reverends Case and Bacon is scheduled for next Sunday, September 11. Please join us after the service for a special Fellowship Hour celebrating Bob and Gene and their special gifts they have shared with our congregation.
- ❖ Our next Congregational Conversations gathering is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 at 11:30am, immediately following Fellowship Hour. Please call or email the church office (989-356-1795, [officeuccalp@gmail.com](mailto:officeuccalp@gmail.com)) to sign up.
- ❖ If you have information or personal items of interest such as family weddings, funerals, or celebrations to share via our Facebook page, please reach out to Cindy Straley at [cindyinspire@gmail.com](mailto:cindyinspire@gmail.com) or 989-464-2361.
- ❖ Please remember to sign the care letter for Joyce Murphy, and to hold her in prayer throughout the days to come.

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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.*



Organist & Choir Director: *Kat Tomaszewski*

Office Administrator: *Judy Suszek*

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