

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
(From Psalms 46)

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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

***OPENING HYMN: #519 STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER** ALL VERSES

*Call to Worship (from Psalms 71):

Leader: In You, O Lord, I take refuge; let me ever be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me.

All: Incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge; a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Leader: O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

All: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

*Opening Prayer:

All: Holy God, giver of life, we come before you now seeking your presence and your gracious touch. May your spirit surround us in this place, granting us the experience of your love and care. We reach out to you with open hands and hearts and ask that you shower us with comfort and joy. For we are your people and we gather in the name of Jesus. 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 8:18 – 9:1

SOLO: SAFE WITHIN YOUR ARMS

MARILYN KETTLER

***HYMN: #478 I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER** ALL VERSES

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 16:1-13

SERMON: GOD AND WEALTH

REV. TIM MURTAUGH

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 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN: #522 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY** VERSES 1, 2, 4

*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.**

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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: **Joan Chrzan**
Ushers: **Gary & Sandy Jarmuzewski**
Fellowship Hosts: **Nancy Wedge, Ashley Wedge, and Joan & Sonny Chrzan**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Greeter: **Penny Anderson**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 18, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday September 18 10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Fellowship
followed by Congr. Conversations

Announcements:

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome back Reverend Tim Murtaugh to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Please join us following today's Fellowship Hour for a Congregational Conversations gathering.
- ❖ 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 or 989-464-2361.
- ❖ The Worship Committee has been taking strides to return the worship service back to our traditional structure. We have put in motion plans to offer Communion in our traditional form beginning October 2. The elements will be distributed to the congregation by the passing of the bread and cup trays. Please feel free to participate at your own comfort level. For those who may choose to use the individual portion cups, we will put the balance of our supply on the back Narthex table; feel free to help yourself.
- ❖ The following items are currently needed for our Feed A Family Program:
Noodles and sauce boxes/pouches, jello/pudding boxes, cake mixes
And Jiffy mixes.

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



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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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