

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"In any wilderness the unsuspecting traveler may come upon the burning bush, and discover that the ground upon which he (she) stands is Holy Ground."

~Howard Thurman

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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: #400 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION ALL VERSES**

***Call to Worship (Based on Exodus 3:5):**

Leader: We all wander in the wilderness of our individual and corporate lives.

All: We stand on holy ground.

Leader: We walk by signs of your presence, but are too busy or distracted to stop and look.

All: Yet we stand on holy ground.

Leader: We hear a still, small voice and do not calm the noise of our lives to truly listen.

All: Yet we stand on holy ground.

Leader: How many burning bushes have we passed by as you called out our name?

All: We say that you are still speaking, but are we listening? Help us to stop, look, and listen, because we are all standing on holy ground.

***Opening Prayer:**

Leader: Holy One, we are here listening for your still, small voice. We've come with thirsty hearts, praying that your presence in the holy place will help satisfy our thirst.

We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts and crying out "Surely, the Lord is in this place."

All: You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. 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: EXODUS 3:1-10, GENESIS 28:11-21, MATTHEW 27:46

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN: #182 WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING ALL VERSES**

SERMON: I HAVE PASSED BY WITHOUT SEEING

REV. ROBERT CASE

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

***CLOSING HYMN: #55 REJOICE, YOU PURE IN HEART 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.**

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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: **Sandy Jarmuzewski**
Ushers: **Lill Banas and Boris Gerber**
Counters: **Dennis & Janet Artley**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**
and **Lynn Borke**
Fellowship Hosts: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 14, 2022

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	August 14	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	August 17	1:30 p.m.	Discussion Group

Announcements:

- ❖ Next Sunday, August 21, is Collection Sunday for Heifer International. In addition to next Sunday's collection, donations may be dropped off or sent to the church office (made out to First Congregational Church, with note "for Heifer") anytime this month, noting the animals you wish to purchase if you have a specific preference.
- ❖ Following the August 28 worship service with Godspeed Ceremony, Reverend Case and Reverend Bacon will no longer be performing weddings, funerals, baptisms or other pastoral duties. The new person serving as Interim or Residential Minister should be called on.
- ❖ Please sign the Care Letter for Dolly Zeller and remember to keep her in your prayers.

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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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Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-10

3Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Genesis 28:11-21

¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the

God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God,

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”