

## Welcome, All Worshipers

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

Don't remember prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I am doing a new thing; now it sprouts up, don't you recognize it?  
Isaiah 43:18-19

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

**CENTERING SONG – #692 SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART** ALL VERSES

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **JIM McNEIL, LAY READER**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #8 PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD** ALL VERSES

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Wisdom calls and understanding speaks.

All: **Majestic God, we recognize your voice.**

Leader: Creation declares your glory and humanity marvels at your care.

All: **Merciful God, we rejoice at your works.**

Leader: Peace, endurance, character, and hope are gifts.

All: **Mysterious God, we receive your love in thanksgiving.**

### Opening Prayer

Leader: God our Potter, God who becomes clay, God who shapes us in the fire, we are made new in your presence. We come seeking your wisdom, crying out our concerns, needing your peace. Use this time to form us as community, connected through your breath, life, and hope that propels us as your body in the world. Amen.

Pentecost Song of Praise #282 - Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
(Refrain only - sing twice)

**SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 8:1-4; ROMANS 5:1-5; JOHN 16:12-15**

**ANTHEM: EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT**

**CHOIR**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN #290 Sprit of God, Descend upon My Heart**

Versus 1-4

**SERMON: ROOTED IN CHRIST AND GROWING IN THE SPIRIT**

**REV. BOB CASE**

### PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

PASTOR: CREATOR, REDEEMER, SUSTAINER, WE CONFESS THAT WE DO NOT ALWAYS HEED THE WISDOM YOU GIVE US. WE TURN TOWARD OTHER MARKS AND MEANS OF ACCEPTANCE RATHER THAN TOWARD YOU.

**ALL: WE REMAIN IN AWE OF OUR OWN CREATION WHILE DEVOURING AND DECIMATING YOURS. CONTINUE TO CALL US, WE PRAY, AND TO SURPRISE AND DELIGHT US AT YOUR MAGNIFICENCE AND MAJESTY. MAY WE ALWAYS BE AT AWE AT YOUR GLORY AND HUMBLED BY YOUR NEARNESS. LET OUR CHARACTER BE SHAPED TOWARD HOPE AND REFLECT YOUR PEACE. AMEN**

### WORDS OF GRACE

PASTOR: RECEIVE THE PEACE EXTENDED TO US FROM THE GOD OF GRACE WHO JOINED OUR EMBODIED EXPERIENCE AND WHO INVITES US TO SHARED GLORY OF THE RESURRECTED LIFE IN WHICH WE ARE MADE NEW AND WHOLE. AMEN

### **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #407 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

VERSES 1-4

### \*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: **Jim McNeil**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**

Altar Guild: **Deb Butler**

and **Lynn Borke**

Ushers: **Ron and Lynn Borke**

Counter: **Joan Chrzan**

Fellowship Hosts: **Bill & Dottie Haase, Peg Dinegro, Penny Anderson**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 12, 2022

## This Week's Calendar

Sunday	June 12	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	June 13	5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Tuesday	June 14	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	June 14	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Conversations

### Announcements:

- ❖ Our Friendship Pads are back! We invite you to complete a Friendship form and pass the pad to your neighbors. Please drop your completed form in the offering plate. This is a great opportunity to greet our guests and new members as well as reacquaint ourselves with one another as we return to a more regular worship service.
- ❖ Our next Congregational Conversations gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m. Please register by using the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ Congratulations are in order for Emily Nicole Artley who has graduated with honors from Loundes High School in Valdosta, Georgia. Emily is the daughter of Scott and Nina Artley and the granddaughter of Dennis and Janet Artley. Emily is planning on attending Valdosta State University with a major in accounting.
- ❖ Please sign the care letter for Linda Christiaens. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

*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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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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