

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Welcome to the First Congregational United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



"The United States holds only 6% of the world's population but consumes over 40% of the world's resources."

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***Our mission is to embrace people of every age and stage of life and help them become the most loving version of themselves as possible.***

*Welcome Music & Sharing God's Presence*  
517 (B) "I Need You Every Hour"  
*I need you every hour, O God of grace;  
The peace your voice affords I now embrace  
I need You, how I need You! Every hour I need You  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to You*

**\*Call to Worship: (WL = Worship Leader, M = Ministers)**

WL: What a week it has been for us, a week of bountiful blessings.

**M: We've been surrounded by family, showered with love, and fattened with food and drink.**

WL: We've said and sung our thanks, enjoyed the many gifts of the harvest, and counted our blessings.

**M: But have we even considered what November 22 was like for most of the people on this planet?**

WL: Over a billion people in this world live in chronic hunger. Just as many or more have no access to clean, safe drinking water.

**M: While we Americans – a mere 6% of the world's population - consume over 40% of the world's resources.**

WL: It's nice for us to stop and give thanks for all we have.

**M: But it's far more important that we share all that we have with those who simply don't have enough.**

**All: Help us, Lord, to do thy will. Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn*  
421 (B) "We Gather Together"

*Corporate Unison Prayer (from Dear Abby)*

"O Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."

*\*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. Amen.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading*

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

*Thank you, God, for the many ways You still speak to us.*

***Children's Time***

“Jesus Loves the Children” –by Rokko Jans  
***Jesus loves the children. He says, “Come unto me.”  
Lord, teach our hearts to open wide  
Thy Kingdom comes to those who like a child  
Come unto Thee***

***Offering***

Offertory Music  
\*Doxology

***2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading***

I Timothy 6:17-19  
***Thank you, God, for the many ways You still speak to us.***

***Sermon Hymn***

422 (B) “Come, O Thankful People, Come”

***Sermon***

“Rich” – A Rob Bell Video from his “Nooma” Series

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

***\*Closing Hymn***

419 (B) “Now Thank We All Our God”

**Benediction**

***\*Sung Response***

“May Our Lives Speak of Your Love” by Ian Coates  
***May our lives speak of Your love, may our feet walk in Your grace  
May we share Your friendship with all Your children  
Bringing hope, peace, and joy  
Send us out into Your world, free to be, to live, and to love  
And may all we do and say for You bring freedom to all***

**SUNDAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

**Music Director:** Rokko Jans

**School of Love:** Mary Fox

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**Following worship**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Marilyn and Paul Kaczanowski.

\*You are invited to stand if you feel comfortable doing so.

\*Please note that we have two hymnals, one is red (R), the other is black (B).