

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!



"To be alive is to learn what makes for peace. It is not more weapons, more threats, or more fear. It's more faith, more freedom, more hope, more love, and more joy."

- Brian McLaren

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
"Surely God is in this Place" – Stephen Iverson
Surely, God is in this place, holy ground
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***Call to Worship: (WL = Worship Leader, M = Ministers)**

WL: Advent is over, Christmas is behind us, and we're onto 2019!

M: We have so much to celebrate, as God has blessed us with a brand new year, a fresh start, and another chance to make a difference.

WL: The opportunities for us are endless. God has given us so much freedom!

M: May we use it to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and peace to our divided world.

WL: That's a bold agenda for such a small church in the small town of Gaylord.

M: God is good! She is able to do infinitely more through us than we ever dare to ask or imagine! Here we are, Lord! Send us!

ALL: Amen!

**Opening Hymn*

(206 R) "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs 1, 2, & 5)

1st Scripture Reading

I Samuel 25:1-35

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

Children's Time

"Shalom, My Friend"

Shalom, my friend, Shalom, my friend, Shalom, Shalom
May peace be with you, God's peace be with you, Shalom, Shalom

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

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Sermon

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Celebrating Our Family Meal

Communion Hymn: "Peace is Flowing Like a River"

*Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out from you and me,
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.
Joy is flowing like a river... etc.
Love is flowing like a river... etc.
Peace is flowing like a river...etc.*

Benediction

***Sung Response**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth!"

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Mother, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, may peace be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me*

*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).

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

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Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Louanne Spearman, Shirley Matevia, Dave Henson, and Margaret Hafner.