

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!



Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is as possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” – Romans 12:17-18

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: We live in broken world.

M: Its problems overwhelm us; its challenges seem too great for us.

WL: Jesus said, "In this world, you will have trouble."

M: He didn't say "might have" or "could have," but that we will have trouble.

WL: Jesus did not give us permission to whine or complain about the struggles we face.

M: Instead he called us to be peacemakers, to do the hard work of reconciliation: reconciling people, families, churches, and nations.

WL: Blessed are the peacemakers

M: For they shall be called sons of God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

395 (B) "In Christ There is No East or West"

Corporate Unison Prayer

Lord, we know that so much of your beautiful world is being pulled apart by conflict. We know that leaders of nations worship power instead of peace. We see the news and can hardly stand to watch it. Yet, in Jesus you entered the world; you came right into this broken world, just as it was, and began the long, hard work of reconciliation. Then, Lord, you handed the work of making peace to us. We confess, dear God, that often we don't feel up to the task. Peacemaking is too daunting, too risky, too much. Inspire us this day. Show us what we can do, starting here...starting now...in our homes, in our families, even in this church. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. 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

1st Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-21

***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

*2nd Scripture Reading
Matthew 5:38-42*

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*Sermon
"The Price of Peace"*

**Sermon Hymn
589 (B) "Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

**Closing Hymn
493 (B) "O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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:

Music Director: Rokko Jans

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Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Rod and Sallie Anderson.