

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!



Men think highly of those who rise rapidly in the world; whereas nothing rises quicker than dust, straw, and feathers.

- Lord Byron

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

Words of Welcome

**Opening Song of Praise (B) 25*

*“O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home”*

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

WL: We come to worship God as the Lenten season begins, to be reminded of our frailty and our failings.

M: We come seeking God’s mercy, humbly and fearfully aware of our mortality.

WL: As part of our worship on this day, we are marked with the ashes from Easter’s palms.

ALL: The treasures of this earth do not last; Our treasure is in heaven, our heart’s true home.

**Opening Hymn*

(R) 253 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

**Corporate Unison Prayer*

Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust, breathing your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise. Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness. Breathe new life into us once more, so we might be the people you created us to be. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

**Gloria Patri*

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*

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Pg. 805

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

Offering

"The Night Holds the Daylight"

by Alaric Jans

*The Doxology

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pg. 7 NT

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Sermon

“Out of the Dust”

Imposition of Ashes

As you come forward to receive the mark of ashes, the worship leader will say:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

If you choose, you can reply: In life and in death, I belong to God.

****Hymn***

(B) 186 “Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face”

Communion

WL: The Lord be with you.

M: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

M: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

M: It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

WL: You hold all our days in your hand, the same hand that spangled stars in the sky and shaped dust into human form. You breathed your life into us and set us in your world to love and serve you.

ALL: Thank you, for the gift of this table set as a sign of your Kingdom in our midst. Come now, Holy Spirit, and move among us that we might perceive your presence and our union with all the saints of all times and places as we partake of this covenant meal.

****Closing Hymn***

(B) 196 “When Like the Woman at The Well”

****Benediction***

Postlude Music

from Sonata in G minor by Beethoven

Please leave the sanctuary in silence

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

- Worship Leader:** Miriam Hollar
- Music Director:** Rokko Jans
- Kidz on a Mission:** Brenda Brummel
- Younger Kidz on a Mission:** Mary Fox
- Liturgist:** Mona Viviano
- Ushers/Greeters:** Margaret Hellenberg
- March Flowers:** Laura Bantens

Moderator

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Jessica’s Upcoming Schedule:
Tuesday: 03/03 8:00am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 03/04 8:00am – 2:30pm



Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today’s coffee hour will be hosted by Vicky Rigney & Helen Mate. Miriam will also be providing king cakes straight from New Orleans!



*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).
- ++ Page numbers for scriptures coincide with our pew bible, Good News Bible.