

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!**



"I asked for this child, and God granted me what I asked. So now I give him to the Lord..." (I Samuel 1:27-28)

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.

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship
The Lighting of the Candles & Words of Welcome
Celebrating Our Glimpses of God This Week

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

WL: Our hearts are overflowing with gladness and with praise

M: God who is with us always gives meaning to our days

WL: God lifts the needy from the ashes of despair

M: God favors the outcast and the downtrodden everywhere

WL: The One who once created now sustains the earth

M: Mother God passed onto us the privilege of giving birth

WL: We participate in creation; we help write God's story now!

M: What a privilege! What a blessing! God has shown us how!

***Opening Hymn**

4 (B) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hannah's Story – Part I – I Samuel 1:1-18

Response: 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

Hannah's Story – Part II – I Samuel 1:19-28

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

Offering

Offertory Music: "Your Mother Should Know" – The Beatles

*Doxology

Sermon

Honoring A Mother's Sacrifice – The Story of Hannah

***Hymn**

443 (B) – "How Like a Gentle Spirit" (vv. 1, 3, & 5)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***Closing Hymn**

583 (B) – “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

Benediction

***Sung Response**

“May Our Lives Speak of Your Love” – 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 for all*

*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'S PARTICIPANTS:

Music Director: Rokko Jans
Organist: Sandra Soderberg
School of Love: Helen Mate
Kidz on a Mission: Brenda Brummel
Usher/Greeter: Rod & Sallie Anderson
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Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Mischelle Stone & Jean Sasso.

