

# 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 get by with a little help from my friends."  
– Lennon and McCartney*

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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: We live in a world where some have so much while others have none

**M: *But we worship and serve a God who has provided enough for everyone***

WL: Yahweh is an abundant God, who not only equips us, but expects us to share  
Her love and resources with all people

**M: *We are God's hands and feet in this world. We embrace this privilege and are striving together to live up to it***

WL: Jesus's gospel is the 7<sup>th</sup> story, and we're called to live it even as the world  
remains stuck in the other six

**M: *It's a high, high calling, and we need each other to live up to it. Amen.***

**\*Opening Hymn**

303 (B) "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!"

**\*Corporate Unison Prayer (from ucc.org)**

*Grant us, Lord, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where creation's riches are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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.*

**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***

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

Genesis 41:15-36

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

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

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

Mark 6:30-44

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***A Stewardship Story***

Rokko Jans, Moderator

***Offering***

Offertory Music: "With a Little Help from My Friends" by The Beatles

*Performed by Rokko, Joanna, and Toby*

\*Doxology

***Sermon***

"Live in Abundance or Live in Scarcity... The Choice is Yours"

***\*Hymn of Commitment***

425 (B) "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**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

**Kidz on a Mission:** Brenda Brummel

**Liturgist:** Paul Kaczanowski

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**Following worship**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Cathy Otto & Margaret Hellenberg.

\*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).