

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 5th, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

Three Kings Day

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!



*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*

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

WL: The star of God's promise leads us to worship this morning.

M: When we meet God in the light, we cannot dwell in the shadows

WL: The glory of God shines on us and through us today.

**M: We seek God's hope that we may share it, We seek God's peace that we
may live by it, We seek God's joy that we may be filled by it, We seek
God's love that we may reflect it to all who meet us**

ALL: Let us worship God together, gathered in the light.

**Opening Hymn*

(B) 159 "As with Gladness Those of Old"

**Corporate Unison Prayer*

God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we continue in the
journey of our faith.

Our walk with you often has challenges, leading to new ventures and new ways to
touch the hearts of all.

When we get tired, or feel disappointed, remind us that you can bring change and
hope

out of the most difficult situations, so that we may do justice, love kindness and
walk humbly with you always

Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light continues to glow brightly in
our path, leading us to discipleship and service. AMEN.

**Gloria Patri (sung)*

Children's Time

"A-mazing Angels"

"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 60:1-6

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

Offering

“Offering” by Fred Kaz

*The Doxology

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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****Hymn***

(B) 165 “Love Came Down at Christmas”

Sermon

“Pursuing Change: Magi on the Lam”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

****Closing Hymn***

(R) 240 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

****Benediction***

****Song of Sending***

(R) 206 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*“We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O, star of wonder, star of bright, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.”*

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

Worship Leader: Miriam Hollar

Music Director: Rokko Jans

Kidz on a Mission: Brenda Brummel

Younger Kidz on a Mission: Doreen Dobosy

Ushers/Greeters: Chuck Falk and Cathy Otto

Liturgist: Sallie Anderson

January Flowers: Dave Henson and Margaret Hafner

Moderator

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Jessica's Upcoming Schedule:

Monday: 01/07 8:00am - 2:30pm

Thursday: 01/08 8:00am – 2:30pm



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



*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).