

# 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!



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12: 30*

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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 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)*

*(based on Psalm 27)*

WL: God, is our light and our salvation so we have nothing to fear.

**M: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives**

WL: We seek to know God's ways and to be wrapped in God's enduring love no matter what challenges confront us or joys fill us.

**M: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

W: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths always so we are always moving toward you.

**ALL: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth.**

*\*Opening Hymn*

(B)12 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*\*Corporate Unison Prayer*

Gracious God of heaven and earth, You call us from familiar places we call home, to lead us more deeply into the world you created with love.

You heal the broken places of our lives and you fortify the wounded places of the earth, for which we give thanks and praise. Fill us to overflowing with love, peace and hope so we can open our heads, hands and hearts in offering to you. Amen.

*\*Gloria Patri (sung)*

*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*

Isaiah 43:1-3a NIV

*p. 785*

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

*Offering*

"What the World Needs Now" by Bacharach/David

*\*The Doxology*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading*  
The Greatest Commandment  
Mark 12:28-34 NIV  
p. 67 (NT)

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

*Sermon*  
“Head, Hands, and Heart”

*Moderator’s Message and Litany Throughout Our Pastoral Search*

**WL: For God’s holy presence amidst change, we pray**

M: For comfort, because loss is part of change, we pray

**WL: For Christ-like steadfastness during the challenges of transition and season of faith we pray**

M: For reassurance through frailty and failings, we pray.

**WL: For the abundant creativity Spirit provides, we pray.**

M: For our loved ones in this community of faith, we pray.

**WL: For God’s children beyond this community, we pray.**

*Prayers of the People*

*Communion*

WL: The Lord be with you.

**M: And also, with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**M: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: How good is it to give thanks and praise. Amen.**

*Presentation of Elements*

*Distribution of Elements*

*\*Closing Hymn*

(R) “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*\*Benediction*

*\*Song of Sending*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

*Fill me with life anew*

*That I may love the way you love*

*And do what you would do*

**SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:**

**Worship Leader:** Rokko Jans

**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**

Rokko Jans

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Jessica's Upcoming Schedule:

Monday: 01/14 8:00am - 2:30pm

Thursday: 01/15 8:00am – 2:30pm



**Following worship**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where our coffee hour will be hosted by Laura Hotelling and Mischelle Stone.

\*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.