

# 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!



**Test all things. Hold fast to what is good.  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21**

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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)*

WL: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my prayers.

**M: He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

WL: The snares of death encompassed me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**ALL: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. Praise the LORD!**

### *\*Opening Hymn*

(B) 469 "God Grant Us Light"

### *\*Corporate Unison Prayer*

God of the everyday and ordinary,

Please hear our prayers in the midst of our busyness. Help us to recognize your constant presence in our lives and support us to find moments to be quiet and simply be with you. In you, we trust our words and our emotions are acknowledged. We know you hear our pain and need through the flurry of confusion we often offer as prayer. Your support is unwavering. Through you, comes the fruit of our work.

Our efforts alone achieve nothing. We work hard and offer our best in complete conviction that you are in control and we are not. We worship together and praise you for your strength, comfort and guidance. 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*

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

*from the Sermon on The Mount*

Matthew 6: 19-20, 7:7

Pg. 8 & 9 NT

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

#### *Offering*

*"As Time Goes By" by Hupfeld*

Performed by Rokko and Friends

\*The Doxology

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

Psalm 46: 1-3, 10

Pg. 623-624

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

***\*Hymn***

(B) 316 “We Limit Not the Truth of God” (tune: Ellacombe)

***Sermon***

“How do we know there is a God?”

*Focusing on the ideal*

***Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer***

***\*Closing Hymn***

(R) 389 “Let All Things Now Living”

***\*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:** Laura Bantens

**Liturgist:** Stephanie Kalember

**Ushers/Greeters:** Dave Henson and Margaret Hafner

**February Flowers:** Margaret Hellenberg

**Moderator**

Rokko Jans

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Jessica's Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday: 02/11 8:00am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 02/12 8:00am – 2:30pm



**Following worship**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where our coffee hour will be hosted by The English Family.

\*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.