

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!



When your mind is detached, simple, quiet, then all things can exist in harmony, and you begin to perceive the subtle truth.

– Lao Tzu

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: May today there be peace within us.

M: May we trust God that we are each exactly where we are meant to be.

WL: May we not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

M: May we use those gifts that we have received and pass on the love that has been given to us.

WL: May we be content knowing that we are children of God.

ALL: Let Her presence settle into our bones, and allow our souls to sing, dance, praise and love. You are there for each and every one of us.

**Opening Hymn*

(B) 290 "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

**Corporate Unison Prayer*

Loving God, help us to let go of the details of our lives, to quiet and empty our minds. Give us insight into situations and questions, help us to be open to receiving that which you give. Please help us to join Your forces at work, and to integrate the gifts of the Spirit into our daily living. 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*

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 30:20-21

Pg. 854

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

Offering

"In My Life" by Lennon/McCartney

*The Doxology

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-8

Pg. 7 (NT)

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**Hymn*

(R) 444 “Speak, Lord, In the Stillness”

Sermon

“Divine Dialogue”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

**Closing Hymn*

(B) 282 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

**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: Mary Fox

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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Communications Coordinator

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Jessica's Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday: 02/18 8:00am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 02/19 8:00am – 2:30pm



Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where our coffee hour will be hosted by Mary Fox and Pete Amar.

*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.