

Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

*Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."
John 8:11*

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(\* indicates when those who are able may stand.)  
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Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOTTIE HAYES, LAY READER

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***OPENING HYMN: #451 BE NOW MY VISION (VERSES 1-4)**

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*Call to Worship

Leader: Why have you come to this house of worship?

All: **We have come for some good news.**

Leader: Whom can we trust to bring us good news today?

All: **We can trust Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who has overcome death through the power of his resurrection.**

*Opening Prayer

All: **Almighty God, accept our gratitude for the sheer joy of being here together today. May we worship you, not only with words, but also with lives lived to your glory. Amen.**

*The 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.

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FIRST READING (LAY READER): EXODUS 20:1-4

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING (PASTOR): JOHN 8:1-11

SERMON: "NEXT TIME"

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

***HYMN: #400 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION (VERSES 1, 3)**

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING (PLEASE BE SEATED)

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

***CLOSING HYMN: #491 AWAKE MY SOUL, STRETCH EVERY NERVE (VERSES 1-2)**

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

***BENEDICTION:** Go in peace. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon you, and linger in your hearts and minds throughout the coming week, and forevermore. Amen.

*Unison Response:

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Dottie Hayes** Altar Guild: **Deb Butler**
Greeter: **Trish McLaren** Ushers: **Sandy Jarmuzewski & Penny Anderson**
Fellowship Hosts: **Lynn Stewart, Terry & Jackie Bell, and Beverly Olsen**
Counter: **Ashley Wedge**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday	October 8	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Monday	October 9	5:30 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday	October 12	5:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Announcements

- ❖ Our opening Hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Joe and Pat Garant.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ Next Worship Committee meeting is Monday, November 6 at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ The Church Lunch Brunch will be Friday, October 13, at 11:30 am at the Big Boy, 400 S. Ripley, Alpena. Note the time change. All women and friends are invited. Please contact Dottie @ 989-916-4104 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!
- ❖ Apple Fest is Sunday October 15 after Worship.
- ❖ It's that time of the year again. Looking for someone to co-ordinate The Mitten Tree which will take place late November, early December. We will be accepting new hats, mittens, scarves, and socks to donate to local organizations in time for Christmas.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, shown on the Internet, as they are happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 8, 2023

*We welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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