

## Welcome, All Worshipers

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

*Jesus says, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15*

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

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER**

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

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

#### **\*OPENING HYMN: #237 I COME TO THE GARDEN (VERSES 1-3)**

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#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus commanded: Love one another.

All: We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.

Leader: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.

Leader: Let us sing praises to God, and live in love and friendship toward the human family.

#### \*Opening Prayer

All: Glory be to you, Heavenly Father, as you sent your son into the world, so that we might live through him. Glory be to you, Lord Jesus, as you brought eternal life to light. Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, as you pour into our hearts the love of Christ. We glorify you Most Holy God, forever and ever. 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): PSALM 90:1-2**

**ANTHEM**

**SECOND READING (PASTOR): LUKE 12:13-21**

**SERMON: "POSSESSED"**

**REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN**

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

**\*HYMN: #290 SPIRIT OF GOD DESCEND UPON MY HEART (VERSES 1, 2, 5)**

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#### 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: #454 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART (VERSES 1-4)**

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**\*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: **Bill Dempsey**  
Greeter: **Tammy Veasy**  
Fellowship Hosts: **Terry & Jackie Bell, Beverly Olsen, and Lynne Stewart**  
Counter: **Tammy Veasy**

Altar Guild: **Deb Butler**  
Ushers: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 29, 2023

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

## This Week's Calendar

Sunday	October 29	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Monday	October 30	5:30 PM	Comstock Committee
Thursday	November 2	5:30 PM	Choir Practice

## Announcements

- ❖ Our opening hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Janet Artley and Bev Olsen.
- ❖ If you have not received your Pledge Card in the mail, please let either Bill or Dottie Haase or Cindy Straley know and they can provide you with one. Thank you to those who have already sent in their pledges!
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ The Board Minutes are available in the Congregational Classified section in the hallway by the elevator.
- ❖ The next Worship Committee meeting is Monday, November 6 at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Pat Garant will be coordinating the Mitten Tree beginning November 12<sup>th</sup> through Christmas. We will be collecting adult and children sized mittens, hats, scarves, and socks that will be distributed to local agencies in time for Christmas. You can place your donation in the basket by the showcase or hang them on the tree!
- ❖ The area food pantry is in need of: boxed potatoes (mashed, au gratin, scalloped, cheesy), canned fruit (any kind), Jello/pudding (either boxes or 4 packs), any kind of Rice a Roni or noodles and sauce.
- ❖ Please be aware when exiting the building that the doors are closed firmly and securely.
- ❖ There is now a handicap accessible stall available in the women's restroom.

*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 service 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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*Rev. Dr. Richard E. Hotchkin, Transition Minister*

*Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus*

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