

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

When the peace of God comes to you, it is above and beyond understanding. There are so many things you could be worried about, but when you are in the presence of God, all worry melts away, and you have total peace - Author unknown

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **BORIS GERBER, LAY READER**
(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

***OPENING HYMN: #414 INCARNATE GOD, IMMORTAL LOVE (VERSES 1-2)**

*Call to Worship

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me."

All: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me.

Leader: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea."

All: God who rules the wind and water stand by me.

Leader: "God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm."

All: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN

*Opening Prayer

All: God of mysterious ways, take any fears we bring this morning and turn them into triumphs. Remind us that you are always with us and we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come with our troubles to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. 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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*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, ILLUMINE THE SACRED PAGE. WE PRAY THAT OUR MINDS MAY BE OPEN TO RECEIVE YOUR WORD, OUR HEARTS TAUGHT TO LOVE IT, AND OUR WILLS STRENGTHENED TO OBEY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

FIRST READING (LAY READER): 1KINGS 19: 9-13, PSALM 85: 8-13

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10: 9-15, MATTHEW 14: 22-23

SERMON: WHY DO YOU DOUBT? REV. ROSEMARY GIBSON

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

***HYMN: O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM (VERSE 3)**

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: #25 O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (VERSES 1-4)**

*BENEDICTION

Remember through everything, God is with us. May we go today trusting that we are found in God and living so that God is found in us. AMEN

*Unison Response:

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breadth 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: **Boris Gerber**
Fellowship Hosts: **Jay & Marilyn Kettler**
Ushers: **Lynn Stewart & Pat Labadie**

Altar Guild: **Sandy Jarmuzewski**
Counter: **Boris Gerber**
Greeter: **Deborah Butler**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 13, 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	August 13	10:00 AM	Worship Service Fellowship Time Heifer International Sunday
Monday	August 14	5:30 PM	Board Meeting

Announcements

- ❖ We are pleased to welcome Reverend Rosemary Gibson to lead our worship service today.
- ❖ Ladies luncheon is September 8, Friday at 11:45 am at Chee Peng Restaurant, 1237 US 23 N, in Alpena. Please note we have changed the place that we usually meet. Reservations are not necessary. Call Peg at 352-281-2283 or Dottie at 989-916-4101 with questions. Friends and guests are always welcome.
- ❖ Feed A Family Needs - Kathy from the Salvation Army is indicating that their biggest need at this time is: canned Spaghetios, Beefaroni and Ravioli along with boxed Macaroni and Cheese. She is also indicating, "Anything they can provide would be very helpful". In the meantime, they still need individual cracker & cheese packets, cracker & peanut butter packets, cookie packets and Jello as well as pudding 4 packs. Thank you.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ Deadline for In-House Comstock applications is September 1, 2023.



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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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