

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

"The danger we have is that we want to water down what Jesus said to make it mean something that aligns with our common sense." ~Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DOTTIE HAASE, LAY READER

***OPENING HYMN: #475 GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW ALL VERSES**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place O God of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at your altars, O God of hosts, my ruler and God.

All: Blessed are all those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns. We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we may recognize you and sing your praise; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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. *Words: Anonymous, 4th Century.*

Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the public domain.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 21:8-21

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 10:24-39

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PAT GARANT

SERMON: FAMILY MATTERS ON OUR JOURNEY

REV. JON GOUGEON

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

***HYMN: #503 O SAVIOR, LET ME WALK WITH YOU ALL VERSES**

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING (PLEASE BE SEATED)

MINISTER: 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: #82 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING VERSES 1 AND 2**

***BENEDICTION**

Minister: May God's face shine upon us; may Christ's peace rule among us; may the Spirit's fire burn within us, as we scatter into the world until we meet again. 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.** *Words/music by Michael Joncas. Copyright 1979 OCP. Permission to reprint/stream obtained from One License #A-739847.*

Postlude

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

Lay Reader: Dottie Haase
Ushers: Boris Gerber and Lill Banas
Counter: Nancy Wedge

Altar Guild: Jackie Bell
Greeters: Joe & Pat Garant
Fellowship Hosts: Bill & Dottie Haase
and Penny Anderson

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 25, 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 June 25 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Time

Announcements

- ❖ Fellowship Hosts are needed for August (including partial month availability). Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ Feed A Family Needs - Individual crackers & cheese packets, crackers & peanut butter packets or cookies packets, Jello or pudding 4-packs, canned Spaghettios or macaroni & sauce, soups (any kind). *Thank you for your continued support to our food pantry. ~Kathy, Salvation Army*
- ❖ Please plan to join us at Fellowship Time following today's worship service for a "Going Away" reception for Pastor Jon and Judy Suszek.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.

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 services 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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