# WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

JIM MCNEIL, LAY READER

JESUS SAID, "ABIDE IN ME AS I ABIDE IN YOU. JUST AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME." JOHN 15:4

(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY 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.)

## **RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS**

**A TIME OF REFLECTION** 

#### **\*OPENING HYMN: #237 IN THE GARDEN (**ALL VERSES) C. AUSTIN MILES, 1912

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE) LEADER: THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE. ALL: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: LOVING GOD, BREAK DOWN THE WALLS WITHIN MY HEART SO THAT I MAY BE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO YOUR WORD AND SPIRIT. MOLD ME SO THAT I MAY HEAR ANEW THE GOOD NEWS FOR MY LIFE. HELP ME TO TRUST YOU, LISTEN TO YOU, AND FOLLOW. 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.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 15:1-8

SERMON: "GROWING - OR JUST GETTING OLDER?"

**Rev. DICK HOTCHKIN** 

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

**\*Hymn: #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness (**ALL VERSES) Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Alt.

#### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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: #596 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME (ALL VERSES) Augustus M. Toplady, 1776;alt.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*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: Jim McNeilAltar Guild: Jackie BellUshers: Boris Gerber & Penny AndersonGreeter: Bobi ZubiFellowship Hosts: Bill & Dottie Haase and Penny Anderson

SUNDAY

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**JUNE 23 10:00 AM** 

WORSHIP SERVICE 50 YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

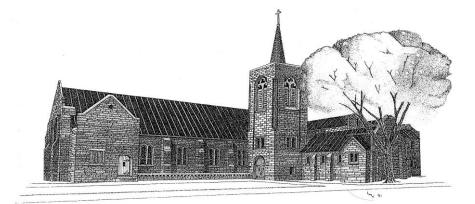
- ◆ THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF CRAIG WAAK & LORI MAYER 11<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.
- PLEASE SEE PASTOR DICK OR GARY JARMUZEWSKI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING SHUT-INS/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OR IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT.
- YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING <u>PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM.</u>
- SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. PLEASE SIGN UP ON ROSTER IN MIDDLE HALLWAY IF YOU ARE ABLE. THANK YOU.
- THERE ARE MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE DOOR.
- THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: KIDS CEREAL, RICE KRISPIES, CAPTAIN CRUNCH, HONEY NUT O'S, FRUITY O'S, OR ANY OTHER CEREAL, SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLIOS, SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS.

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.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST June 23, 2024

As an Open and Affirming congregation, we welcome people as they are, share Jesus as He is, and serve our community and the world in love.



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