

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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JESUS ASKS, "WHAT DO YOU THINK?" MATTHEW 21:28  
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(*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

READING OUR MISSION STATEMENT (INSERT)

*OPENING HYMN: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE (INSERT)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: LORD, WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK YOUR BLESSING.

ALL: MAY THE WORDS OF OUR MOUTHS, THE MEDITATIONS OF OUR HEARTS, AND THE ACTIONS OF OUR HANDS BE ACCEPTABLE IN YOUR SIGHT.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: GOD OF LOVE AND MERCY, YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR US. YOU KNOW THE DIRECTION THAT IS BEST FOR OUR LIVES. NOT ONLY DO YOU CALL US TOWARD THAT WHICH IS MOST PROMISING, YOU STRENGTHEN US TO RESPOND IN FAITH, AND YOU WALK WITH US AS WE LIVE OUT OUR OBEDIENCE. WE OFFER YOU OUR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. 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.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MATTHEW 21:28-32

SERMON: "THE THIRD SON"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

HYMN: #7 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (ALL VERSES)

WILLIAM KETHE, 1561; ADAPT. THOMAS H. TROEGER, 1992

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: #257 ALLELUIA! GRACIOUS JESUS! (ALL VERSES)

WILLIAM C. DIX, 1867; 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

USHERS: GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE

GREETERS: ANN GEROW & DAN KIBBE

COMMUNION: BOBBI ZUBI

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY, PAT & JOE GARANT

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 2	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 3	5:30 PM	WORSHIP COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5	1:15 PM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ **REV. GENE BACON** IS OFFERING A **GREAT COURSES** CLASS ON THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS: JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM, HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM** BEGINNING THIS COMING **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ❖ THE MODERATOR HAS CALLED A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** TO BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**. THE PURPOSE OF THE **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS TO ELECT A SEARCH COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS**.

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

February 2, 2025

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

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