

## Welcome, All Worshipers

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

*For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11*

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

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYNN BORKE, LAY READER

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

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

#### \*OPENING HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART (VERSES 1-4) INSERT

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#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: May we encounter God in this place

All: **and be amazed at what God teaches us.**

Leader: May we expose ourselves to God's healing

All: **and be cleansed of attitudes and spirits that obscure and obstruct God's image.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

#### \*Opening Prayer

All: **Almighty God, we praise you for giving us the power to serve you. We thank you for the freedom we enjoy because of what Christ did for us on the cross. We lift up your name that the world may know you as Lord. 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): HEBREWS 3:1-6

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING (PASTOR): ISAIAH 55:10-11

SERMON: "THAT WHICH I PURPOSE"

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

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

#### \*HYMN: #332 AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE (VERSES 1-3)

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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: #506 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (VERSES 1-3)

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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: Lynn Borke  
Greeter: Beth Petty  
Fellowship Hosts: Terry & Jackie Bell, and Beverly Olsen

Altar Guild: Deb Butler  
Ushers: Ashley and Nancy Wedge

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 15, 2023

This Week's Calendar			
Sunday	October 15	10:00 AM	Worship Service Apple Fest

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

## Announcements

- ❖ Our opening Hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Vernie Nethercut.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ The Board Minutes will be available in the Congregational Classified section in the hallway by the elevator.
- ❖ The Handicap accessible bathroom is located down the hall to the left when exiting the sanctuary.
- ❖ The Welcoming Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 26 at 6:45 pm here at the church. All are welcome!
- ❖ The next Worship committee meeting is Monday, November 6 at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Pat Garant will be coordinating the Mitten Tree starting in mid-November. She will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves, and socks that will be distributed to local agencies in time for Christmas.
- ❖ 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.



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