

## Welcome, All Worshipers

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

*"Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8*

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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.)

### MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

### \*OPENING HYMN: WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER (INSERT)

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### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Welcome into the presence and power of God, who out of love entered the world, so that it might become what only divine love could fashion.

All: Welcome in the name of the Lord.

### \*Opening Prayer

All: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts, and lead us to perfect faith in him. 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): PSALM 78:1-4

### ANTHEM

### CHOIR

### SECOND READING (PASTOR): 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-9

### SERMON: "A QUESTION OF DOMICILE"

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

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

### \*HYMN: #304 ALL HAIL THE POWER (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.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*CLOSING HYMN: #223 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS (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: Jeff & Ann Gerow  
Fellowship Hosts: Lynn Stewart, Terry & Jackie Bell, and Beverly Olsen  
Communion: Joan Chrzan  
Altar Guild: Deb Butler  
Ushers: Boris Gerber

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 1, 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	October 1	10:00 AM	Worship Service World Communion Sunday Neighbors In Need
Monday	October 2	5:30 PM	Worship Committee

## Announcements

- ❖ Our opening Hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Deb Butler.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ Next Worship Committee meeting is Monday, October 2 at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ The Church Lunch Brunch will be Friday, October 13, at 11:30 am at the Big Boy, 400 S. Ripley, Alpena. Note the time change. All women and friends are invited. Please contact Dottie @ 989-916-4104 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!
- ❖ Apple Fest is Sunday October 15 after Worship.
- ❖ It's that time of the year again. Looking for someone to co-ordinate The Mitten Tree which will take place late November, early December. We will be accepting new hats, mittens, scarves, and socks to donate to local organizations in time for Christmas.



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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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