

Welcome, All Worshipers

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

*"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13*

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER

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

*OPENING HYMN: #492 I WOULD BE TRUE

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*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord shares the blessings of his wisdom.

All: Give us the insight, Lord, and hearts that are ready to believe.

Leader: Today the Lord gives us the blessing of his wisdom.

All: Lord Jesus, help us to be followers and not just admirers of your wisdom.

*Opening Prayer

All: Almighty God, teach us to see what you would have us see - in your creation, in your people. Teach us to hear what you would have us speak - your grace, your hope. Shape and mold us so that we may become vessels used by you. 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 105:1-5

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SECOND READING (PASTOR): 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

SERMON: "AFTER EVERYTHING ELSE"

REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: #449 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

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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: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (INSERT)

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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 breadth 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: **Bill Dempsey**
Greeter: **Dan & Lois Kibbe**
Fellowship Hosts: **Nancy and Ashley Wedge, Sonny & Joan Chrzan**
Counter: **Ashley Wedge**

Altar Guild: **Joan Chrzan**
Ushers: **Max & Vicky Lindsay**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 24, 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	September 24	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Thursday	September 28	6:45 PM	Welcoming Committee

Announcements

- ❖ Our opening Hymn has a special significance to Marilyn Kettler.
- ❖ Feed A Family Needs - Kathy from the Salvation Army is indicating that their biggest need at this time is: canned Spaghettios, Beefaroni and Ravioli along with boxed Macaroni and Cheese. She is also indicating, "Anything they can provide would be very helpful." In the meantime, they still need individual cracker & cheese packets, cracker & peanut butter packets, cookie packets and Jello as well as pudding 4 packs. Thank you.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall. There are a lot of cards today!
- ❖ Neighbors in Need, World Communion Sunday, October 1.
- ❖ 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 @ 989-340-4104 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!
- ❖ Apple Fest is October 15 after Sunday Worship.



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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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