

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day!** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist this day is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Deacons Meeting** will be on this Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:00pm.
- ✓ **Next Sunday is Communion Sunday.**

Please pray:

- **For mechanics who keep our wheels a-turning.**
God of us all, bless and keep those who fix, lube, and inflate our two, three, four, or 18-wheeled conveyances that we might visit new friends, and carry material blessings to those who need them. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.



First Congregational United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 31, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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"✝" Invites all to stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/Many) [Cf. Psalm 107]

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Those who are wise give heed to these things,
for the Lord is steadfast and true.**

The Lord is steadfast and true.

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Let us worship, God.

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ HYMN

CH #276

"We Gather Together"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses
on gathering things. We collect, store, gather
items, gadgets, even people.**

**In doing so, we shut out the needs of others, of
those for whom life has been a constant struggle.
We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed
you.**

**Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways
in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit,
can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be
in ministry to those in need. For we ask this in
Jesus' Name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✝ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 18-26

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✝ HYMN

CH #606

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
- **HYMN "SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD" CH #263**
- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✝ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN

CH #568 (2x)

"Tis the Gift to Be Simple"

✝ BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE