

✠ HYMN

CH #602

"O Master Let Me Walk with You"

✠ BENEDICTION

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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 Lector today is Brian Aspen.**
- ✓ **Our Annual Meeting will take place on January 29th.** Following our meeting the Deacons are preparing a hamburger lunch in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Please pray:

- **For counselors, psychologists, and therapists.**
Lord, send special graces to those who listen closely to the hurts of others, and graciously sing their client's song back to them until they can sing it for themselves with joy once again. 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



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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to believe the good news of the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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WORDS OF WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/Many) *[adapted from: MinistryMatters.com]*

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Why should we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

What have we to fear?

Let us shout with joy to God!

Let us sing and worship.

✠ Opening Prayer

✠ Processional HYMN **CH #66**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[adapted from MinistryMatters.com]*

**God of our light and salvation,
Hear us as we cry aloud in our need.
Forgive our aversion to your light.
Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call.
Forgive our fear.
Help us know deep in our souls
that you are our light and our salvation,
our joy and our wonder, our very life.
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

Isaiah 9:1-4 (p. 638)

R: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

ANTHEM

CHURCH CHOIR

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23 (p. 3)

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #340

"Softly and Tenderly"

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
- **"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"** **CH #261** (w/o refrain)
- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

R: God of light, **hear our 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