

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN

CH #452

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

✝ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✝ SUNG RESPONSE (tune: "God Be with You")

***God be with you till we meet again;  
By good counsel guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.***

✝ POSTLUDE

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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 Lenten study continues on Weds, March 15th at 7pm.** We are reading Adam Hamilton's "The Walk: 5 Essential Practices of the Christian Life".
- ✓ **The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering is coming, Sunday, March 19th.**

**Please pray:**

- **For aides and helpers in our schools.** Bless, O God, those who seek to assist others as we care for children in our community. 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, March 12, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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*PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP*

Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having already drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water of calm and peace. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. Amen.

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WORDS OF WELCOME  
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) *[WorshipMatters.com]*

O come, let us sing to our God  
and make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation.

**We lift our hearts and voices  
in joy and thanksgiving  
for being here together  
in the presence of our beloved God.**  
Come, let us worship our amazing God.

✠ Opening Prayer

✠ Processional HYMN **CH #25**  
**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[Book of Common Worship, 2018]*

**Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive  
forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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 Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 94-95)  
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 John 4:1-16 (p. 93-94)  
R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Rev. Chuck Aurand  
✠ HYMN **CH #453**  
**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
  - OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER
- response: We pray to you, O God: **"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.***

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