

✠ SUNG RESPONSE

CH #218 (chorus)

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering, Son;
endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

✠ POSTLUDE

.....

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 Blaine Anderson.**
- ✓ **Trustee Meeting** is Wednesday, May 10th at 5:30 pm.
- ✓ **Irene Haivala Memorial** is Saturday, May 13th at 11:00am.

Please pray:

- **For our students as the school year draws to a close.** Teacher Lord, continue to guide and nurture our students. Give them peace so that they may recall all that they have learned this year. And may they be thankful for their dedicated teachers. 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, May 7, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

717 Jackson Street
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
605.892.3402

Email: ucc.bfso@gmail.com
Pastor's email: caurand3@gmail.com
Web address: www.bfsoucc.org

WORDS OF WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/Many)

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

But how can we know the way of God?

Oh my friends, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

This is a day of Springtime.

This is a day of new life and resurrection.

Let us worship our risen Savior!

✠ Processional HYMN

CH #215

"Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own

desires. You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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.

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 7:52-8:1a (p. 126)

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 14:1-14 (p. 108)

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

Presentation of 5th Grade Bible

Cade Pearson

✠ HYMN

CH #612

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING

- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

response: God of resurrection, **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

HOLY COMMUNION

(See insert)

✠ HYMN

CH #611

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, we praise you, joining our voices to the whole company of heaven, who sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer After Communion

**God of Life and New Life,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever in the
risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Presentation of 5th Grade Bible

Cade Pearson

Wade & Ashley Pearson, parents

Pastor

Receive the Word of God.

Learn from its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,

and these words speak to us all.

They tell us who we are.

They tell us that we belong to one another,

for we are the People of God.

Congregation

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family,
and us as you use this Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for
God's Word.**

Pastor

The Bible in Psalm 119:105 tells us that:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

May it be so with you.

Thanks be to God!

