

✝ SUNG RESPONSE

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

✝ 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."*
- ✓ **We are in the Season of Easter.** Easter isn't just a day, our season of resurrection and new life lasts for 50 days until the Day of Pentecost.
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Kay Cooper.**
- ✓ **The Black Hills Association Meeting** is today at the Hermosa UCC in Hermosa, SD. All are invited. Registration begins at 2:30 pm.

**Please pray:**

- **For the Black Hills Association of the South Dakota Conference UCC.** We are a small but mighty association which can use your prayers for each of our ten congregations.
- **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, April 21, 2024 ~ 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**)

*[from Feasting on the Word, Year B]*

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.*

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

*Listening, come, let us worship!*

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN

**CH #558**

**"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*[from Feasting on the Word, Year A, 2013]*

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**We talk about love,  
but our actions betray us.**

**We talk about love,  
but we neglect the poor.**

**We talk about love,  
but we fail to love one another.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, and abide in us  
by the power of your Spirit  
so that our lives may show  
our love for Jesus Christ,  
in whose body we live  
and in whose name we pray. 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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**PSALM 23**

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

Anthem

Church Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**1 John 3:16-24**

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

† HYMN

**CH #487**

**"Help Us Accept Each Other"**

A TIME OF PRAYER

R. God of goodness and mercy, **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

† HYMN

**CH #545**

**"He Leadeth Me"**

† BENEDICTION/BLESSING