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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 Liturgist today is Brian Aspen.**
- ✓ **Funeral for Irene Olson** is this Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm in the church sanctuary.
- ✓ **The Hunters Supper is coming!** Make plans now to join us for this annual soup supper event. Mark your calendar for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Please pray:**

- **For our little goblins and ghouls this Halloween:** Dear Lord, watch over the children this Thursday as they celebrate with vivid imagination the religious feast of All-Hallows Eve. 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, October 27, 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**)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you!**

We are gathered here this day because we are seekers.

**We seek a closer relationship with our God and  
our Savior;**

**We seek forgiveness of sin; and to pray with our  
brothers and sister in faith, in thanksgiving.**

For what you seek, let us worship the Lord!

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN

**CH #65**

***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,  
you created and are creating still.  
In your presence our limits lie stark before us.  
We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts,  
our turning away from neighbors,  
our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours.**

**Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have  
squandered the gifts you have given.  
We have neglected the land.  
We have grasped for goods.  
We have used each other.  
We have loved power more than people.**

**Forgive us, O Holy One.  
Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence.  
Come into our hearts, and make us new again.  
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hear the good news!*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✠ 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON

**Mark 10:46-52**

R: This is the good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

**CH #517**

***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

A TIME OF 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 #699**

***"Rejoice the Lord Is King"***

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING