

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 on this day is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Youth Cookie Sale is today following worship.**
Join us during coffee hour and have some decorated cookies for a free-will donation!
- ✓ **Wednesday Study Group** will begin a new Bible Study on February 5th. We will be reading "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. This is the principal Gospel for the year 2025. Plan now to join us.

Please pray:

- **For all who feel isolated and alone.** Call to us, O Lord, to reach out to those who feel alone—even in a crowd. Help us to make a connection with love. 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.
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First Congregational United Church of Christ



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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME & THE RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.
Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

**God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.
God saves us amid the cruelties of life.**

Hope in God, who has created you. Open yourself to the
one who knows you well.

**God accepts us. God affirms us, even when we
fail.**

God’s word of love is ours to proclaim.
People of God, let us worship!

✠ HYMN

CH #699

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you know us better than we know
ourselves, but we have not believed this. You
care about us even when we do not love
ourselves, but it has been hard to understand that
this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word
so faintly that we doubt your truth.**

**O God, grant us in your Holy Spirit, the courage to
hear, to believe, to change, to follow Jesus once
more. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 6:1-6

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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

MESSAGE

Rev. C Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #517

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

A TIME OF PRAYER

R: Lord, in your 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

HOLY COMMUNION

[see insert]

✠ HYMN

CH #514

“God Who Touches Earth with Beauty”

✠ 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.

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in
the Sacrament of his body and blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose
again in accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
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