

Welcome! The mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is to: Live by faith, embody love, proclaim hope, and seek justice. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope that you will find God's presence among us. When the Friendship Folder is passed during the announcements, please sign it, and then pass it back across the pew to the inside aisle.

All are welcome. Jesus called us to welcome all into the family of God. We welcome you to our Fellowship Hour after worship in the Community Room where everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments. A bathroom for all genders is located off the kitchen connected to the Community Room.

Children are welcome in worship! Activity bags are available in the narthex. There is an area for parents and children at the front of the nave which allows children to be close to the action in worship. Our staffed nursery (downstairs) is an option as well. Our kids will remain with their families on this weekend.



Please ask an usher if you would like a large print or sensory friendly bulletin, or if you need directions or any other assistance. A Hearing Loop system is available. Turn your hearing device to the "T" setting.

Serving in Worship Today

Leading Worship	Laura Wright
Leading Worship	Mary Runyon
Great River Ringers Director	
Organist	Nancy Allen
Reading Scripture	Jill Pein
Head Usher	Allan Beatty
Ushers	-
Greeters	
Nursery	Zali Stanton & Nora Sciammas
Fellowship Hour	Jill Pein

^{*} In the order of service indicates all who are able, please stand.

Gathering Music

"Softly and Tenderly"
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Arr. by Keveren Arr. by Martha Mier

Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for joining us this Sunday where all are welcome. You are invited to pass the Friendship Folder through your row and share your name. Pass the folder back down the row and take note of those worshipping with you.

Prelude Music

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Arr. by Keveren

*Call to Worship

Inspired by Acts 16

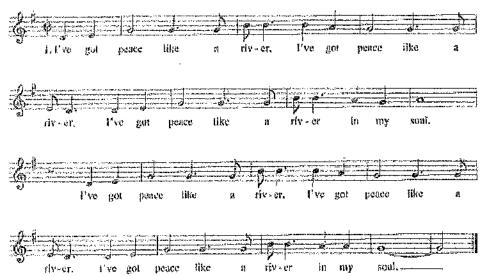
One: Come, beloved children of God, let us gather to worship—for even from prison, the apostle Paul sang praises to God.

Many: We lift our voices knowing that praise rises from pain and joy.

One: In the darkest night, God is still with us.
God shakes the earth, opens the doors, and sets captives free.

All: We believe in a God who yearns' for freedom and peace.

One: Let us sing to the God who brings peace that flows like a river:



Moment of Silence

Take this moment of silence to be still and listen for God.

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*Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please greet those near you with a wave or bow and with words such as:

"Peace be with you. / And also with you."

& Listening

for the Still-speaking God

The Word for Children

Children will join the pastor in the center aisle as we walk forward for the Word for Children. Kids will remain with their families after the congregation sings. Summer JAM will begin next week.

Acclamation (Sung by all.)

Halleluja

All:





The First Lesson

Jill Pein

Acts 16:16-34

The Psalter

Psalm 97:1-2; 8-12 (Read Responsively)

One: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;

Many: let the coastlands be glad!

One: Clouds and thick darkness are all around God:

Many: righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

One: Zion hears and is glad,

Many: and the towns of Judah rejoice

because of your judgements, O God.

One: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

Many: you are exalted far above all gods.

One: You who love the LORD, hate evil;

Many: God guards the lives of his faithful;

One: God rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Many: Light dawns for the righteous

One: and joy for the upright in heart.

Many: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

One: and give thanks to his holy name!

The Gospel

John 17:20-26

Sermon through Conversation

"Midnight Praise, Morning Deliverance"

Rev. Dr. Laura Wright

80 Responding

with the voice of hope

Voluntary

"Living Waters, Part 1"

Great River Ringers Michael Mazzatenta

The Community Invited into Prayer

Prayers of the Church

The petitions end with: God, in our stillness,

The people respond: hear our prayers.

The Prayer of Jesus (Said by all. Use language that reflects your view of God.)

Our (Father / Mother / Creator) who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

20 Thanksgiving

for the gifts of God

Stories of Generosity

Sue Retzlaff, Great River Ringers

Music at the Offertory

"Living Waters, Part 2"

Great River Ringers Michael Mazzatenta

*As the Gifts Are Presented: Sing to the tune of Old 100th (Hymn 34).

(All who are able are invited to stand and sing.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Praise God, for all that love has done, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Open up your hearts.

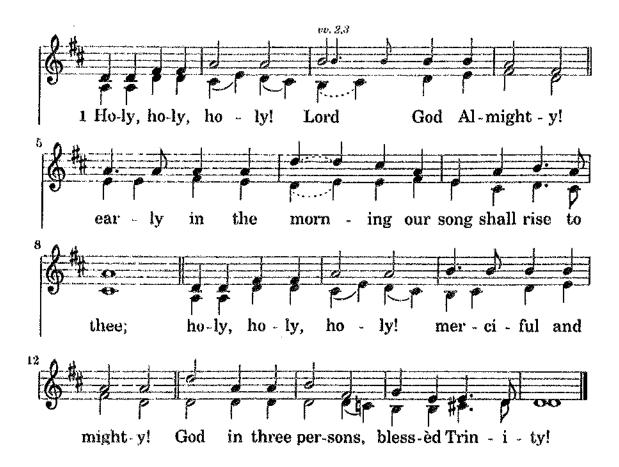
Many: We open them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Therefore, we join our voices with

all the ancestors in the faith to sing forever:



The Congregation may be seated.

One:

On the night before Jesus was betrayed... Then Jesus said after supper, "This cup that is poured out for you—this is my new promise to you—my new covenant. So now we can proclaim,

All:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

One:

Jesus promised his disciples that though he was about to leave them in death—he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them ... Let us eat of this meal together—remembering that God has provided for all of us and God's Spirit is now with us.

Sharing Communion

This is the table of Christ, not of this church. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the sharing of communion at Christ's Table, regardless

of age or tradition, for it is this meal which binds all of us, different as we are, together.

We will receive communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). All bread is gluten-free to welcome all at the table of Christ. Please come to the front of the church by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you need to receive communion where you are seated, please let an usher know.

Thanksgiving after Communion

80 Going

to be messengers of good news

*Hymn 317 (All join in singing the hymns. We will sing verses 1, 3, 4, and 5.)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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*The Blessing

Postlude Music

"Ring, Zing, Praise!"

Great River Ringers John Behnke

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Flowers today are given by Bill and Linda Knobloch in celebration of Bill's Birthday on June 5th.

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What gifts did you give God this week?

Do you mind if we share your gift to God with the congregation? Yes____ No____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Week in our Church:			
Sunday, June 1		Friday, June 6	
WAFER Sunday		Office Closed	
Worship w/Communion & Nursery	10:00 am		
Fellowship (CR)	11:00 am	Sunday, June 8	
Mission & Social Justice Meeting (C)	11:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	
, ,		Strengthen the Church Sunday	
Tuesday, June 3		Worship w/Nursery	10:00 am
Alternative Energy Task Force (L)	8:00 am	Fellowship (CR)	11:00 am
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The Coulee Region is Overflowing with Musical Talent! This morning, we are blessed to be joined by one of the finest musical groups in our area — The Great River Ringers. This talented bell choir, made up of 14 dedicated musicians, shares their gifts with great joy and deep faith. Their beautiful music has truly enriched our worship today. We are grateful for their presence and ministry among us.

Today's Ringers are:

Barb Bjornstad
Patti Dockendorff
Ann Kvale
Gail Quarberg
Sue Retzlaff
Emily Riley
Betty Sacia

Trina Schlifer
Emily Speropulos
Jeanne Swanson
Jackie Tillotson
Beth Twiton
Charmaine Uphaus
Tom Uphaus

Calling all future stars of the choral world Come join the First Congregational Kids Choir!

Kids (rising Kindergarten to 4th grade) will gather in the Sanctuary from 5:00 pm to 5:25 pm on three days (Tuesday, June 24; Wednesday, June 25, and Thursday, June 26) to practice. While kids practice their do-re-mi's, their grown-ups and younger siblings get snacks. Each singer is asked to attend at least two of the three practices. The choir will then share in worship on Sunday, June 29th. Feel free to bring a friend or three to sing! Sign-up in the Narthex on the stone ledge.

Let's Make a Joyful Noise!.





Calling All Musicians - Share Your Gifts This Summer!

Children, youth, adults, soloists, and small groups—we are looking for musicians to share their gifts during the 10 AM worship services this summer! If you would like to sing or play, please sign up on the "Summer Music Schedule" located on the stone ledge in the narthex. You can also contact Nancy Allen (nlallen@viterbo.edu) or Michelle in the church office (office@firstcongolax.org, 784-8137) to reserve a date. We look forward to making a joyful noise together!