



First Congregational United Church of Christ March 3, 2024



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5th Sunday of Easter

Partners in Ministry: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: **Rev. Enno K. Limvere**

Musician: **Karina Roth** Choir Director: **Jenny Delfs**

Peace Candle Lighter: **Peace Candle** Liturgist: **Barb Bottger**

Greeter:

Usher: **Bruce Tyler**

Time of Fellowship:

Computer Operator: **Steve Noble**

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Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Words to Enter Worship Psalter #696 Psalm 111 ([click here](#))

Opening Hymn #89 Awake, Awake to Love and Word ([click here](#))

Words of Lament

Merciful God, there are too many in need, too many who don't have enough, and too many who live in misery. It too often feels insurmountable and hopeless. Rise up, God of Love, rise up and propel us to proclaim, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, to bring good news to the poor, to heal, to bind up the broken-hearted, and release of the captives." Spur us on to be about the business of your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silence

Words of Poetry & Lighting the Candle of Peace

It is a custom in our congregation to light our Peace Candle during worship, as a witness to the Prince of Peace and our communal intention to be peacemakers as a Just Peace Church.

"The Sun" by David Whyte

... I want to walk
through life
amazed and inarticulate
with thanks....
I want to know
when I lean down to the lilies
by the water
and feel their small and
perfect reflection
on my face....
I want to know
what I am
and what I am
involved with by loving
this world
as I do....
I want to be found by love,
... I want to come alive
in the holiness
of that belonging.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #497 Guide My Feet ([click here](#))

Scripture Reading – Acts 3:1-10 (Common English Bible)

3 Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. 2 Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift. 4 Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!" 7 Then he grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. 8 Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 All the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple's Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

Children's Message What can you do?

Choir

Message What I have, I give you

Musical Reflections

Service of Healing (see insert)

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Mother God, you are in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

News of God at Work in our Congregation & Community

Our Time of Giving

We acknowledge the many ways in which those who support our ministry.

Many give weekly, monthly, or yearly pledges and offerings.

Many give of their time and talent in our church and throughout our community. We are grateful for all. Thank you.

Doxology NCH #785

We give you but you own,
What-e'er the gift may be,
All that we have is yours a-lone,
We give it gratefully.

Closing Hymn #542 Born of God, Eternal Savior ([click here](#))

Benediction

Sending Music



Prayer List: Family of Bev Denyes, Sarah, Rhonda Silence, Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Sally Dunn, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Congo Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

At home and Care Center: Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, and Tom Hedstrom.

Measure of our Faithfulness:

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2024 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2024, showing a need for a yearly income of \$175,834.

After Sixteen weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$55,102.77.

After Sixteen weeks of 2024, the actual donations and income reached \$64,490.38.

-Kevin R. LeVoir, Treasurer

This week at the church

Sunday, April 28

9:30 AM – Choir Practice (SA)

10:30 AM - 5th Sunday of Easter – Healing miracles just didn't happen in the gospels and only by Jesus. This Sunday we will hear a story of Peter who is able to help a man walk again. We will continue exploring healing in this service and have a time of healing and laying on of hands.

Fellowship to Follow

Monday, April 29

2:00 PM-6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)

3:00 PM-5:00 PM – Food Shelf (LL)

7:00 PM – Al-Anon (FS)

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 PM – Group Music Class (SA)

2:00 PM – Narrative Lectionary Study (ZO)

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)

5:30 PM - Gathering at Jeff and Jenny

6:00 PM Loaves and Hotdishes

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 AM Cook County Ministerial (Trinity)

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)

6:00 PM - Confirmation Class (PO)

6:00 PM - Sing-along (N)

Thursday, May 2

10:00 AM – Tai Chi (SH)

11:00 AM - Building and Grounds Committee (ZO)

12:00 PM – Women's AA (FS)

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)

3:30-5:30 PM – Cook County Public Health (MR)

Friday, May 3

7:00 AM – AA (FS)

8:00 AM – Harbor Watch (Java Moose)

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)

7:30 PM – AA (FS)

Saturday, May 4

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Memorial for Bev Denyes (SH)

Sunday, May 5

9:30 AM – Choir Practice (SA)

10:30 AM - 6th Sunday of Easter – On this Sunday we will be confirming our newest member, Eliot Zimmer. We will be reading from 1st Corinthians, chapter 13, which is often used at weddings, but was made for the church. As we grow in our membership, let us remember how we are to get along, "Love is patient, love is kind..."

Fellowship to Follow

Psalter #696 Psalm 111

Response:

Great, great, great are the works of God.

R

Praise God! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of God, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

God has gained renown by wonderful deeds; God is gracious and merciful. **R**

God provides food for those who fear God;

God is ever mindful of God's covenant.

God has show God's people the power of Gods' works.

in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. **R**

God sent redemption to God's people;

God has commanded God's covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The love of God is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding.

god's praise endures forever. **R**

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Hymn #89 **Awake, Awake to Love and Work**

1. Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
the fields are wet with diamond dew; The worlds awake to cry
Their praises to the Fount of Life, Christ Jesus passes by.
2. Come, let your voice be one with theirs shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set your soul ablaze.
3. To give and give, and give again, as God's own grace is free.
See how the giant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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Closing Hymn #496 **Guide My Feet**

1. Guide my feet while I run this race,
guide me feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

3. I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

4. Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

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Closing Hymn #542 **Born of God Eternal Savior**

1. Born of God, Eternal Savior, source of life, of truth and grace.
Human One, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race.
Come again, in all your glory; come to us, inspire and lead;
Fill us with your loving kindness; heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2. Christ, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
Freely have your gifts been granted, feely may your servants give.
All the wealth that we my gather is for use in causes just,
We are stewards of the bounty loaned to us in solemn trust.

3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, granting love and joy and peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease,
By your patient years of toiling, by you silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure, shame are selfish greed for gain.

4. See the Christ-like host advancing, high and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service, answering the Savior's call.
Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading that your people should be one.
Grant, o grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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