

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A United Church of Christ Congregation

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

\* Congregation may stand

**Prelude** Musette Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Welcome**

**Bringing in the Light of Christ & the Word of God**

9:00 Vivian Baylor & Sarah Burling  
10:30 Amanda Feeman, Stella Taylor & Maya Updegraff

**Introit** Enter His Gates T. M. Scott  
*Handbell Choir*

**Call to Worship** B. M. Neel

One: God has set this day before us,  
**All: a day set apart, a day of renewal and praise.**  
One: God has set our lives before us,  
**All: a span of years in which we love,  
learn, and serve.**  
One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,  
**All: so that we might live fully in deep love.**  
One: Let us worship God.

\* **Hymn 537** NATIONAL HYMN  
God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*Wherever you are on your journey ... you are welcome here.*

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*) J. Harader

Gracious God, we come before you to confess that we have not fully lived your Gospel. You call those who are poor "blessed," yet we often place our own desires over the needs of others. You call those who mourn "blessed," yet we insulate ourselves from the pain that surrounds us. You call those who are meek "blessed," yet we struggle mightily to appear strong and put-together. You say, "Blessed are the peacemakers," yet we fail to live in peace with those closest to us and we are too often silent about the warring ways of our world. Forgive us, O God. Hear our prayers ...

(*moments for silent reflections*)

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Rhosymedre

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer** Dee Buchanan

Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\* **Hymn 253** ABBOT'S LEIGH  
God Is Here!

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory** Joy and Elation Cynthia Dobrinski

\* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 6:17-26, pg 55 NT  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Steve Hockstra

\* **Hymn 7** HYMN TO JOY  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

\* **Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude** Shine, Jesus, Shine David Blackwell

*Loren Toplitz - trumpet*

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*Welcomes Our Guests*

*We are thankful you are sharing  
in worship with us this morning.*

*Every Sunday, our 10:30 and 11:59 services  
are also lived streamed on our website and on Facebook.*

**First-time visitors**, please take a  
*Welcome Bag* from outside of the sanctuary.

**Large print bulletins** and **hearing assist devices**  
are available from ushers.

**Following worship**, clergy will greet worshippers  
in the narthex or you may also exit the sanctuary  
through the door to the left of the chancel.

**Parents With Young Children**

During the **10:30 and 11:59 worship services**,  
the Alcove is available for parents with young children  
who would like to **view the worship  
service on live stream television**. Please feel free  
at any time to leave the sanctuary and make your way to  
the Alcove, located near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor elevator.  
Check with an usher if you need assistance.

**An activity basket** is available at the back of the  
sanctuary for the enjoyment of young children.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall  
for coffee and fellowship after worship.

**Church Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Wiley ..... Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Jeanette Brodersen..... Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Steve Hockstra ..... Associate Pastor  
Callie Baylor ..... Director of Youth Ministries  
Dee Buchanan ..... Director of Children’s Ministries  
Katie Morgan ..... Associate Director of Children’s Ministries  
Jen Barden ..... Coordinator for Young Families  
Dr. Tom Scott ..... Director of Music Ministries  
Charlotte Beers Plank ..... Organist  
Kathy Yeakley ..... Director of Health Ministries  
Sue Wimer ..... Director of First Serve & Outreach  
Emily Lopick ..... Director of Stewardship & Communication  
Diana Finkes ..... Business Manager  
Lora Eureka ..... Office Manager  
Laurie Berendsen..... Office Associate  
Amy Baldwin..... Office Associate  
Bill Schmidt ..... Facilities Manager  
Laurence Frese ..... Custodial Manager

*Adjunct Clergy:*

*The Rev. Dr. Richard Clewell, Adjunct Minister  
The Rev. Jonathan Dodson, Chaplain, Laurel Lake Retirement Community  
The Rev. Janet Ross, Mission for Haiti and Amistad Chapel*

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**Sunday, February 17, 2019**  
**9:00 and 10:30 am**  
*(or join us at 11:59)*