



First Congregational

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023



Worship Leader

Rev. James Altenbaumer

Mini Message

Diane Highnam

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Rev. Pat Gadelmann

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude "Noel" - Alexandre Guilmant Anne Hoekstra

Welcome and Announcements Rev. James Altenbaumer

***Call to Worship** Rev. Altenbaumer

Leader: We enter worship under the light of God's star.

People: We follow in the path of the wandering seekers of long ago.

Leader: We have experienced Christmas, and now we must center its meaning in our lives.

People: Our prayers, our songs, our hopes, even our fears are holy through God's gift of love.

***Prayer of Invocation** Rev. Pat Geadelmann

***Hymn of Praise** "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" (vs 1-4) #17 (NCH - Black)

Mini-Message Diane Highnam

Joys & Concerns Rev. Altenbaumer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison) Rev. Altenbaumer

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offertory Rev. Altenbaumer

Offertory "Vieux Noel" - César Franck Anne Hoekstra

***Doxology** #778 (NCH - Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Altenbaumer

*Hymn	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i> <i>(Jesus the Light of the World)</i>	#160 (NCH - Black)
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Luke 2:28-40	Rev. Altenbaumer Rev. Geadelmann
Message	<i>"Living in Expectation"</i>	Rev. Geadelmann
*Hymn	<i>"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"</i>	#77 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Rev. Geadelmann
Postlude	<i>"In Dulci Jubilo"</i> - David Cherwien	Anne Hoekstra

* You are invited to Stand