



# *First Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**



**Worship Leader**

Cliff Highnam

**Mini-Message**

Keith Jorgensen

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Guest Preacher**

Rev. Janice Springer

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Cliff Highnam
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Cliff Highnam
Leader: Everything clamors for our attention, and what is trivial is presented as something that matters.		
<b>All:</b>	<b>And so we come to this place to remember what is important and what is not. We come to this place to remind one another not to major in minor things. We come to this place to practice putting our attention on that which gives life.</b>	
Leader: At least for this hour, turn your attention to the Holy One who is waiting to meet you here.		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>To You, O God, All Creatures Sing</i>	#17 vs. 1-4 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b>		Rev. Janice Springer
<b>In the Shelter of the Most High</b>	Psalm 91	Cliff Highnam
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Keith Jorgensen
<b>Clothe Yourself with Compassion</b>	Colossians 3:12-17	Cliff Highnam
<b>Choral Anthem</b>		Chancel Choir
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>A Poem, A Shelter and Some Beer</i>	Rev. Springer
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	#388 vs. 1, 2 & 4 (NCH - Black)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Cliff Highnam
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		Rev. Springer
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.		
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Cliff Highnam
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Cliff Highnam

**St. Francis' Prayer** (unison)

Rev. Springer

O God, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is dying that we are born to eternal life.

**\*Hymn**

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

#32 (NCH - Black)

**Benediction**

Rev. Springer

**Postlude**

Hymn Improvisation


Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* You are invited to Stand

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.

We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the  
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

After church, you will be able to pick up your kids in the church basement.



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**TODAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

A potluck lunch will be held right after the church service  
today with the Annual Meeting to follow.

Copies of the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Proposed  
Budget are available to pick up in Crossroads.