



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Second Sunday After Christmas



January 5, 2025

Worship Leader
Cliff Highnam

Children's Message
Brandyn Miller

Director of Music
Luke Overton

Senior Pastor
Brandyn Miller

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.

Prelude		Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Cliff Highnam
*Call to Worship		Cliff Highnam
Leader: Grace and peace to you from God, our Creator and Jesus Christ, our Savior, who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age.		
People: We gather to proclaim the true gospel of grace, not by works, but by faith in Jesus Christ.		
Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us into the freedom of God's grace.		
All: We lift our voices and hearts in thanksgiving for the gospel that sets us free!		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	#1 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Brandyn Miller
Gracious God, we come before You with grateful hearts for the good news of Your gospel. You have rescued us, redeemed us, and called us to live in the freedom of Your grace. Fill this space with Your presence, and open our ears to hear the truth of Your Word. By Your Spirit, renew us in faith and lead us to live as Your redeemed people. In Jesus' name, Amen.		
Special Music	<i>The Burning Day</i>	John Mardis
Children's Message		Brandyn Miller
Invitation to Offertory		Cliff Highnam
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Cliff Highnam
Scripture Reading	<i>Galatians 1:1-10 & 2:15-21</i>	Cliff Highnam
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
All: Thanks be to God!		
Message	<i>"The Gospel of Grace"</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Hymn of Response	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#547 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Cliff Highnam
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
People: Hear our prayer		

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

Brandyn Miller

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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, we thank You for feeding us with this holy meal. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us out into the world to proclaim the good news of Your gospel. By Your Spirit, may we live as Your people, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

***Parting Hymn**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#403 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Postlude

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the children's message until Communion (youth will come back to participate in Communion with their families). We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff at the conclusion of the children's message.