



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024



Worship Leader

Kay Thuesen

Mini Message

Kay Thuesen

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Guest Preacher

Rev. James Altenbaumer

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.*

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| Prelude | Hymn Improvisation | Hudson Lourenço-Feld |
| Welcome and Announcements | | Kay Thuesen |
| *Call to Worship | Psalm 36:7-9 | Kay Thuesen |
| Leader: "How precious is the steadfast love of God! | | |
| People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings. | | |
| Leader: They feast on the abundance of God's house, | | |
| People: And God gives them drink from the river of God's delights. | | |
| Leader: For with God is the fountain of life; | | |
| People: In God's light we see light." | | |
| Leader: Let us worship God! | | |
| *Prayer of Invocation | | Kay Thuesen |
| *Hymn of Praise | <i>Come, O Fount of Every Blessing</i> | #459 (NCH - Black) |
| Mini-Message | | Kay Thuesen |
| Joys & Concerns | | Kay Thuesen |
| Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison) | | Rev. James 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. | | |
| Choral Anthem | | Chancel Choir |
| Invitation to Offertory | | Kay Thuesen |
| Offertory | Hymn Improvisation | Hudson Lourenço-Feld |
| *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**

Kay Thuesen

Gracious God, Your giving knows no ending. We can only sing with the psalmist, “My cup runneth over!” We are awed by Your gifts: the wonders of nature, the teaching of Jesus, the costly cross, the empty grave. Accept our offering as our simple “Thank you.” And bless it, that it may be a blessing to others, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn**

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

#418 (NCH - Black)

Scripture Readings

Matthew 14:22-32; Joshua 3:1-6, 15-17

Kay Thuesen

Message

“Wading into the New Year”

Rev. Altenbaumer

***Closing Hymn**

Shall We Gather at the River

#597 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction**

Rev. Altenbaumer

Postlude

Chaconne - Louis Couperin

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*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.*