



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

**LOVE
JOY
PEACE
FORBEARANCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL**



January 26, 2025

Worship Leader

Rev. Jim Altenbaumer

Children's Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Jim Altenbaumer
*Call to Worship		Rev. Jim Altenbaumer
Leader: Come, people of God, let us walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.		
People: For the Spirit gives life, and the works of the Spirit bear fruit that blesses others and glorifies God.		
Leader: Let us sow to the Spirit, reaping a harvest of righteousness and joy.		
People: We will not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not give up.		
Leader: As we gather to worship, let us be guided by the Spirit, producing love, joy, peace, and all the fruits of a godly life.		
People: Together, we will live to honor God and bless the world.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	#425 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Brandyn Miller
Gracious and Holy God, We come before You, longing to walk in step with Your Spirit. Fill this place with Your presence and transform our hearts, that we may bear the fruit of Your love. Inspire us to sow seeds of kindness, faithfulness, and self-control, that our lives may bless others and bring glory to Your name. Amen.		
Choral Anthem	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i> - Sara Nussel	Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		Rev. Jim Altenbaumer
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Jim Altenbaumer
Children's Message		Brandyn Miller
Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:16–26 & 6:7–10	Rev. Jim Altenbaumer
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
All: Thanks be to God!		
Message	<i>“Walking in the Spirit”</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Hymn of Response	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i> (twice)	#283 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Jim Altenbaumer

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.

Receiving New Members

The Millers

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***Parting Hymn**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

#573 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Children's Message.
We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the
youth director's office at the conclusion of the Children's Message.*

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS The Millers

Questions for the Candidates

Leader: Do you promise to covenant one with another to walk together as partners in the common life of this church?

Millers: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you acknowledge a faith that seeks to know and respond to the Word and Will of God, made known and to be made known?

Millers: I do.

Leader: Do you acknowledge a fellowship that strives to realize acceptance and love, in accordance with the example of Jesus Christ?

Millers: I do.

Leader: Do you acknowledge a mission that aspires to serve the community and world, empowered as in the past by the Spirit of peace and harmony?

Millers: I do.

Leader: In support of this covenant, do you pledge your friendship and prayers, your participation and resources, as you share in the hopes and labors of this family of God's people?

Millers: I do.

Welcome of the Church Family

Leader: We, the members of this Church, receive you into our fellowship with great joy. God grant that you may find here a fellowship of love and service in which we all may work together as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to our walk together in Christ.

*Covenant of Church Membership

Church: We covenant one with another to walk together as partners in the common life of this church. We acknowledge a faith that seeks to know and respond to the Word and Will of God, made known and to be made known. We acknowledge a fellowship that strives to realize acceptance and love, in accordance with the example of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge a mission that aspires to serve the community and world, empowered as in the past by the Spirit of peace and harmony. In support of this covenant, we pledge our friendship and prayers, our participation and resources, as we share in the hopes and labors of this family of God's people.

Prayer For the Members

Rev. Jim Altenbaumer