



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



**February 23, 2025**

**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** *Peace, My Friends* - Ray Repp Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, all who wrestle with fear and uncertainty.

**People: We gather to meet the God who brings peace out of struggle.**

Leader: God's face shines upon those who seek Him.

**People: Let us worship the One who reconciles and restores.**

Leader: In thanksgiving and joy, let us lift our voices.

**People: We praise the God of peace and steadfast love.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *When Peace, Like a River* #438 (NCH - Black)

**\*Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Brandyn Miller

**God of reconciliation, You transform our struggles into blessings. As we worship, remind us of Jacob's journey from fear to peace and Esau's unexpected embrace. Fill this time with Your presence, and let us encounter You anew. Teach us to trust in Your power to heal and restore, and lead us in the way of peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Special Music** *Festival Prelude on "Lobe Den herren"* Touch of Brass  
- Douglas E. Wagner Handbells

**Invitation to Offertory**

**Offertory** Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**\*Doxology** #515 (Pilgrim - Red)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Children's Message** Brandyn Miller

**Scripture Reading** *A telling of:* Genesis 32:1-21, 33:1-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** *"Restoring Peace"* Brandyn Miller

**\*Hymn of Response** *It is Well* (See Screen)

## Joys & Concerns

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.**

## \*Parting Hymn

*What a Covenant*

#471 (NCH - Black)

## \*Benediction

Brandyn Miller

## Postlude

Theme from "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*"  
- F. Mendelssohn

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.*