



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Second Sunday of Easter



**April 27, 2025**

**Worship Leader**  
Anita Altenbaumer

**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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Brandyn Miller
Leader: In a world that moves fast and speaks loud, <b>People: We come to hear a gentle voice.</b>		
Leader: When doors are locked and doubts rise, <b>People: Christ steps in and says, "Peace be with you."</b>		
Leader: Come as you are—fearful, hopeful, honest. <b>People: We are here to worship the Risen One who meets us with grace.</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#292 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Praise</b> (responsive)		Anita Altenbaumer
God of gentle strength, you do not force your way in. You knock, you speak peace, you breathe life where there was fear. We praise you for the quiet courage of your love, for the way you carry our doubts without judgment, and how you send us out not with power, but with peace. <b>Shape our hearts today. Unwind what has been tightly held, heal what is broken, and teach us again what it means to follow the Risen Christ with gentleness. Amen.</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>		Grace Dinneen
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Anita Altenbaumer
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Anita Altenbaumer
<b>Children's Message</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John 20:19-31	Anita Altenbaumer
Leader: This is the word of the Lord <b>All: Thanks be to God!</b>		
<b>Message</b>		Brandyn Miller

**\*Song of Response** *Yes I Will* - Vertical Worship (See Screen)

**Joys & Concerns** Anita 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.**

**\*Parting Hymn** *Peace I Leave With You, My Friends* #249 (NCH - Black)

**\*Benediction** Brandyn Miller

**Postlude** Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* Please Rise in body and 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.*