



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**APRIL 28, 2024**

**MENTAL**

**HEALTH**

**SUNDAY**



**Worship Leader**

Kay Thuesen

**Mini Message**

Greg Hoekstra

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Guest Preacher**

Abbie Chronister

**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>	<i>Finale</i> from Sonata 6 by F. Mendelssohn	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Kay Thuesen
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Kay Thuesen
One: We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.		
<b>All: We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.</b>		
One: All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.		
<b>All: We come, seeking the goodness in the hands of God.</b>		
One: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.		
<b>All: Together we reflect the fullness of God's love; together we bring God's love into the world.</b>		
One: Let us worship the Living God whose breath gives us life.		
<i>Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe's Call to Worship based on Psalm 104 in "Mental Health Sunday Pentecost Year B," 2020</i>		
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Kay Thuesen
Jesus, we want to meet on this thy holy day.		
We gather round thy throne on this thy holy day.		
Thou are our heavenly friend, hear our prayers as they ascend;		
Look into our hearts and minds today, on this thy holy day.		
<i>Text from A. T. Olá Olude's "Jesus, We Want to Meet"</i>		
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Jesus, We Want to Meet</i>	A Touch of Brass <i>Based on the hymn-tune NIGERIA; Arr. Charles E. Perry</i>
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Kay Thuesen
<b>Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer</b> (unison)		Abbie Chronister
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.		
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Greg Hoekstra
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Kay Thuesen
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

<b>*Doxology</b>	Tune: #515 PH	Words: #778 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Kay Thuesen
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Blessed are the Poor in Spirit</i>	#180 (NCH - Black)
<b>Message</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Incarnate God, Immortal Love</i>	#414 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Benediction</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Postlude Alla Menuette</i> by Ernest A. Dicks	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.*