



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

608 West Fourth St  
Waterloo IA 50702

[www.firstcongucc.org](http://www.firstcongucc.org)  
phone 319-234-8927



## Fifth Sunday of Easter



**May 18, 2025**

**Worship Leader**

Kay Thuesen

**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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Brandyn Miller
Leader: Come to Jesus, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.		
<b>People: He will give us rest and peace for our souls.</b>		
Leader: Christ is gentle and humble in heart, welcoming all with compassion.		
<b>People: We find comfort in his care and strength in his tenderness.</b>		
Leader: Let us worship the One who invites us to learn his way.		
<b>People: We come with open hands, seeking the gentleness of Christ.</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	#386 (NCH - Black)
<b>*Prayer of Praise</b> (unison)		Kay Thuesen
<b>Gentle and humble Jesus, you invite the weary and burdened to come and find rest. We praise you for your kindness, for your peace that calms the restless heart, and your voice that speaks stillness to our souls. You do not demand, but invite. You do not crush, but carry. You are our comfort, our teacher, and our strength. We lift our praise to you, for in your gentleness we are made whole. Amen.</b>		
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Kay Thuesen
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Kay Thuesen
<b>Children's Message</b>		Brandyn Miller
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 11:25-30	Kay Thuesen
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
<b>All: Thanks be to God!</b>		
<b>Sermon &amp; Stories</b>	<i>"Reflecting On Our History"</i>	Brandyn Miller

## Song of Reflection

### Joys & Concerns

Kay Thuesen

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Brandyn Miller

*You may use the words most familiar to you.*

**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

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

#436 (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.*