



First United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation
January 23, 2022
10:30 a.m

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#). There is ASL interpretation today. If you need interpretation, please pin the video of Patty Sheehan.

Prelude *Meditation* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Music *Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever (1983)
(join in as directed)

Call to Worship

One: With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship our creating God.

Many: We gather to unite our spirits, to be merged in hope as God's children.

One: May God bless our differences, that the unique gifts and perceptions of each may strengthen our oneness.

Many: Drawn into God's Spirit, we give thanks for one another.

Opening Hymn *Sing a New Church* Nettleton

1. Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity,

Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ
And in splendid, varied ways
Sing a new Church into being,
One in faith and love and praise.

2. Bring the hopes of every nation;
Bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
Let it sound through time and space. *Refrain.*

3. Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free. *Refrain.*

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a Sam, Marja,
Calvin, Leo, & Winston Steinberg

Time With Children

**Let the children come unto me, for theirs is the realm of God.
All who believe must become like a child; theirs is the realm of God.**

Sermon Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

We Are Your People
verses 1, 2, 4, and 6

NCH #309 (Whitfield)

v1 We are your people: Spirit of grace,
you dare to make us Christ to our neighbors
of every culture and place.

v4 Glad of tradition, help us to see
in all life's changing, where Christ is leading,
where our best efforts should be.

v2 Joined in community, treasured and fed,
may we discover gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.

v6 Spirit, unite us, make us by grace,
willing and ready, Christ's living body,
loving the whole human race.

The Prayers

We will begin prayers in song, then a minister will pray, and there will be time for silent prayer. Then we will sing again. All joining worship on Zoom are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.

Sung Response

One: As your spirit moved upon the waters,
Many: **God, let your spirit move in us.**

Prayer of Jesus

You are invited to speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:

Our God, 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Dreams (from Sonata No. 7)

Alexandre Guilmant

Prayer of Thanks

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NCH #401 (Noel)

v1 O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.

v2 Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.

v3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune and Air

Jacques Aubert (1689-1753)

We are so glad you worshiped here today!

Today's worship will be followed by a budget meeting. Please stay on Zoom if you wish to participate.

We hope you will stay!

News to Note

Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. For the remainder of January, we are only worshipping online. We are glad to have you here! Are you visiting today? [Fill out our virtual visitor card.](#)

Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. [Give online now.](#) or send in your gifts via mail.

News & Announcements

Keep up to date with all of the latest news and upcoming events! [Subscribe to The Chronicle, First UCC's weekly e-newsletter](#), and find First UCC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Past issues of The Chronicle are available at firstucc.org.

This Week at First UCC

Tuesday, January 25

1-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 26

3:45 p.m. CONNECT Group (Library)

6:30 p.m. The Great Escape (Big Room)

Saturday, January 29

6 p.m. CYAN

Sunday, January 23

10:30 a.m. Online Worship (Zoom and YouTube)

11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting (Zoom)

Budget Meeting Today at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom

Stay logged into Zoom after worship today for the Budget Meeting. This meeting will be an opportunity to go over the Treasurer's Report and budget for 2022 and to ask detailed questions about First UCC's financial plans for the year. The Budget Meeting is held the week before the Annual Meeting so that questions specific to the budget can be clarified prior to voting to approve the budget at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting January 30, 11:45 a.m. on Zoom

Stay logged into Zoom after worship next week for First UCC's Annual Meeting! If you are tuning in only for the meeting, use the worship link found on the First UCC website home page. The Annual Report will be made available via The Chronicle and posted to the First UCC website later this week. Please join us for this important gathering to administer the business of the congregation!

Year-End Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements for 2021 were emailed and sent via post this last week. You will receive BOTH a digital and a paper copy of your year-end statement. If you are accustomed to receiving an emailed statement but haven't yet received it, please check your spam and/or trash folder in your email inbox. Questions? Contact the church office at church@firstucc.org or 507-645-7532.

Set Up Recurring Online Giving for First UCC

It's easy to set up a recurring online gift for First UCC! A reminder that if you had an automatic gift set up through Suran Systems/Engage, all gifts were cancelled in that system December 31. You must arrange to set up your giving in our NEW online giving system, Breeze, or arrange for bill pay with your bank. Visit <https://firstucc.org/giving/donate-electronically-now/> for more information about how to set up your recurring gift. Questions? Call the church office at 507-645-7532 or email church@firstucc.org.

Children's Faith Formation on Zoom

Children's Faith Formation Families: Holy Moly is back while we are on Zoom for worship. Join Pastor Lauren and our intern, Katie Johnson, next Sunday 1/30 at 9:15 a.m. for a brief Zoom Children's Faith Formation gathering. We'll check in, watch a Holy Moly video, and talk about what we noticed, what happened, and what it might be teaching us about God. Find Zoom login information in the Chronicle, or email the church office.

ISIAAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)

Caucuses are a first, important step in "building a just and abundant MN through faith in action." Major political parties will hold state caucus on February 1 at 7 p.m., with special regulations in place for a remote

option to participate, instead of the customary in-person requirement. Local ISAIAH folks are offering a Zoom caucus information session on January 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm. [Register using this link.](#)

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Thanks to this Week's Leaders



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