



**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,**  
**Immigrant Welcoming Congregation**  
**January 22, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#).

**Prelude** *Two Brazilian Dances* Darius Milhaud (1892-1974)

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Music** *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* Bruce Harding (2002)

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.**

### Call to Worship

One: Beside the lakeshore, long ago, Jesus called to his disciples, saying,

**ALL: "Follow me, and I will make a new kind of fisherman out of you."**

One: The ministry begun by the Sea of Galilee continues in our day

**ALL: When we proclaim the good news of God's love.**

One: Let us offer to God the tools of our trade and the work of our hands.

**ALL: Let us offer to God our thanksgiving and praise.**

**Opening Hymn** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* #173 (Pescador de Hombres)  
verses 1-2 in English

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only asking for me to follow.

*Refrain:* O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; not with you I seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, Just these my fishnets and will for working. *Refrain*

### 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.**

**Statement of Commitment:** Our Open & Affirming Statement

**First United Church of Christ of Northfield, Minnesota is an Open and Affirming church. We covenant with God and one another to work together to make our church open to and affirming of all regardless of gender, gender identity or expression, age, economic or marital status, race, physical or mental ability, cultural heritage, or sexual orientation. We**

**will seek to strengthen, encourage, comfort, and affirm each other as we strive together and individually to understand and experience God's unconditional love.**

**Anthem**

*I Owe My Lord a Morning Song*

John Bell (1949-)

I owe my Lord a morning song  
For God has meant this day.  
Through fears of night and hidden light  
God moves and wills my way.

I owe my Lord a morning song  
For Jesus rose at dawn;  
He made death die and would not lie  
That others might live on.

I owe my Lord a morning song;  
The spirit gave me voice,  
Nor did she force my soul to praise  
But honored me with choice.

I owe my Lord a morning song.  
How can I help but sing  
When God is all in all, and I  
Am one with everything?

**Scripture**

Matthew 4:12-23

**Scriptural Retelling**

Mandy Everhart, Cyrus Kirby

**Sermon**

Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Prayer Hymn**

*Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult*

#172 (Galilee)

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day the voice still calls us,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the treasures we adore,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
saying "Christian, live me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

## The Prayers

We will join in prayer aloud and in silence. All joining worship online are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.

### Prayer Response

#### *I Will Do a New Thing in You*



“I will do a new thing in you; I will do a  
new thing in you; What-ev - er you ask for, what-  
ev - er you pray for, noth - ing shall be de -  
nied,” sa-ith the Lord; sa-ith the Lord! Lord!

### 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.**

### Sharing Our Gifts

#### Offertory

#### *I Shall Not Be Moved*

arr. Alice Parker (1925-)

Glory, hallelujah,  
I shall not be moved;  
Anchored in Jehovah,  
I shall not be moved.

In his love abiding,  
I shall not be moved,  
And in him confiding,  
I shall not be moved.

Though the tempest rages,  
I shall not be moved;  
On the rock of ages,  
I shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.

## Prayer of Thanks

**For your goodness, O God, for your teaching in Jesus, and for your Spirit who calls us to action, we give you thanks. Take and use the gifts we give, now and through this week, for the sake of the world you love so much. Amen.**

## Hymn of Sending

*God, Our Author and Creator*

#530 (Jefferson)

God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,  
make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed duntrod;  
in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:  
when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,  
with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Gigue in E Flat Major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**We're so glad you worshiped here today!**

### **Thanks to this week's leaders:**

Ushers: Lois Langerak, John Barbour, Ed Langerak, Barbara Crouter, Dean Paxton

Digital Greeter: Gary Wagenbach

Musicians: Holly Fischer, guitar; Mark Fischer, bass; David Hougen-Eitzman, mandolin; Kathy Szydlo, clarinet

## **This Week at First UCC:**

### **Sunday, January 22**

- 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Budget Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Gathering Worship

### **Tuesday, January 24**

- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Assembly Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Big Room)

### **Wednesday, January 25**

- 5:30 p.m. WFFF
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, January 27**

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for David Kamis

### **Sunday, January 29**

- 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Gathering Worship

### **Annual Meeting Schedule**

**January 22 (today):** Meeting after worship to go over the budget in detail and answer any questions.

**January 29:** Annual Meeting after worship!

### **Organist Position Open**

With Theo Wee's upcoming retirement, the church will be announcing the search for a new organist. A shortened version of the announcement is included here; please share it with any interested individuals.

The First United Church of Christ in Northfield, Minnesota seeks to hire an organist to support its vibrant, long-standing, and wide-ranging tradition of musical worship.

This is a salaried, year-round, approximately quarter-time position, with some flexibility in determining vacation and other time off as well as support for professional development. The organist's primary responsibilities are these:

- Playing for the regular Sunday morning services and standard additional services (e.g., Christmas Eve), including prelude and postlude, hymns, choir anthems, and service music
- Playing for regular Wednesday evening and Sunday morning choir rehearsals
- Working with clergy, the director of music, and other staff members to shape the musical life of the church
- Supervising the maintenance of the Johnson organ

The ideal candidate for this position will have a deep musicality shaped by relevant education and experience, an appreciation for stylistic variety, a familiarity with Protestant liturgical traditions, and an eagerness to collaborate with clergy and staff in designing the role of music in worship and in performing with choirs, instrumentalists, and congregations. This position also offers room for the candidate to incorporate additional areas of expertise.

Interested candidates should send a brief letter of interest and resumé to First UCC's director of music at [musicdirector@firstucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@firstucc.org). Applications are welcome at any time.

#### **Coffee Hour Volunteers and Coordinator Needed**

Volunteer hosts are needed for Coffee Hour! Volunteering is easy to do, and orientation will be provided for those who are new to Coffee Hour hosting. Interested? [Sign up to host here](#). First UCC is also looking for a volunteer to serve as the Coffee Hour coordinator. If you are interested, please contact [church@firstucc.org](mailto:church@firstucc.org).

#### **New Office Manager & Director of Communications Needed**

We once again find ourselves in need of a new Office Manager and Director of Communications. If you know anyone interested in this important part-time position, please have them contact Cindy Maddox at [seniorminister@firstucc.org](mailto:seniorminister@firstucc.org).

#### **Master recycler/composter course is back!**

River Bend Nature Center, along with the City of Northfield and Carleton College are again offering a FREE master recyclers course. Meetings will be **Saturday mornings 10-noon from February 4 - March 11**. Register by emailing [education@rbnc.org](mailto:education@rbnc.org), or calling 507-332-7151.

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## **DO YOU GIVE THROUGH BREEZE ONLINE GIVING?**

We've had a number of issues with Breeze Online Giving at the end of the year and the start of the new one. Please read through this and take any action that may be required.

### **Duplicate payments**

In some cases Breeze has started up new payments for 2023 while still continuing the 2022 payments. This has caused some people to give twice at the start of the year. Pippa was able to disable the duplicates, many of which were disabled before the duplicate was pulled.

However, some people have given twice when not meaning to. If you are one of those people we have the following solutions for you:

- 1) We can give you a full refund.
- 2) We can count the extra donation as an unpledged gift.
- 3) We can count the extra donation towards your 2023 pledge.

If this has happened to you, and you have not already done so, please let Pippa know at [finance@firstucc.org](mailto:finance@firstucc.org) and we'll sort it out.

### **Donations set up for the wrong giving year or as an unpledged gift.**

In some cases gifts have been set up as unpledged when they are meant to be pledged. In some cases Breeze had continued to attribute your 2023 pledged gift for 2022.

If you give through Breeze please check that your gift is set up correctly by doing the following:

- 1) Log into your Breeze account.
- 2) Click on Manage recurring gifts.
- 3) Find your gift or gifts.
- 4) Click on change.
- 5) Click on show more options.
- 6) Make sure that the fund it is going to is the correct one. In particular, if it says 2022 it should be changed to 2023 (either local or OCWM).



# Welcome to Worship at First UCC!

We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming Congregation.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning. Please let us know you're here by sharing your information in a welcome pad.

## Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are glad to have you here!

## Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. Give online by visiting [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) and clicking "Donate Online Now!" under the "Giving" tab, place your gift in the offering plate, 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, at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org), and find First UCC on Facebook and Instagram. Past issues of The Chronicle are available at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org).

## First UCC Leadership & Staff

**Ministers:** All the people

**Moderator:** Deb Gottfried

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Associate Minister:** Rev. Lauren Baske Davis

**Director of Music:** Chris Brunelle

**Organist:** Theo Wee

**Spirit Voices Director & Arts Coordinator:** Bob Gregory-Bjorklund

**Office Manager & Director of Communications:** *Position Open*

**Finance Manager:** Pippa Younger

**Sexton:** Mark Fischer

**Audio Visual Technician:** Brynn Artley