



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023



Guest Preacher

Evie Waack

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Worship Leader &

Mini-Message

Anne Hoekstra

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Anne Hoekstra
Call to Worship	from Psalm 29	Anne Hoekstra
Leader:	Praise the Holy One, O children of God!	
People:	Speak of the Lord's glory and strength.	
Leader:	Worship God whose voice is upon the waters.	
People:	Worship God whose whispers shake the living and raise the dead.	
Leader:	The mercy of the Beloved breaks the bonds of oppression...	
People:	...and shatters the chains of injustice.	
Leader:	Worship God whose silence speaks...	
People:	Whose silence speaks louder than any word spoken.	
Leader:	The Lord rules over the deep waters.	
People:	The Lord gives strength to God's people...	
ALL:	...and blesses them with peace.	
*Prayer of Invocation		Evie Waack
*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	#419 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Anne Hoekstra
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		
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.		
Down by the Riverside: Baptism		
Mini-Message		Anne Hoekstra
Gospel Lesson		Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon	<i>"Down to the River"</i>	Evie Waack
*Hymn	<i>Crashing Waters at Creation</i>	#326 (NCH - Black)
Invitation to Offertory		Evie Waack
Offertory	<i>"Down by the Riverside"</i> arr. Russell Robinson	Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

#778 (NCH - Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Anne Hoekstra

***Closing Song**

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

#168 (NCH - Black)

Benediction

Evie Waack

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld


* You are invited to Stand

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. After church, you will be able to pick up your kids in the church basement.

Permission granted by Valerie Tucson to share the video "Down by the Riverside."

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ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023



**Annual
Church
Meeting**

A lunch will be held right after the church service with the Annual Meeting to follow. More information forthcoming. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Proposed Budget will be available to pick up in Crossroads next Sunday, January 15th for review prior to the meeting.