



# First Congregational

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024



**Worship Leader**  
Sue Hummel

**Mini Message**  
Gina Greene

**Director of Music**  
Luke Overton

**Guest Preacher**  
Rev. Janice Springer

**Guest Organist**  
Anne Hoekstra

**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>	<i>O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright</i> - Dietrich Buxtehude	Anne Hoekstra
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Sue Hummel
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Sue Hummel
Leader:	Loving God, open our hearts so that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Unclench our hands so that we may reach out to one another, and touch and be healed.</b>	
Leader:	Open our lips that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Open our eyes so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Breathe your Spirit into us, and touch our lives with the life of Christ.</b>	
<b>Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Rev. Janice Springer
	Holy One, you call us to love: love you, love neighbor, love self and love enemy. This is very hard. If we are to answer your call, If we are to love as Jesus loved, we need this community to sustain us, Spirit to lead us, and you to immerse us in grace. We come to worship. We come to serve. We come to love. Amen.	
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#292 (NCH - Black)
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Gina Greene
<b>Special Music</b>		Cliff Highnam, Dulcimer
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 5:38-48	Sue Hummel
<b>Buddhist Scripture</b>	The Dhammapada	Rev. Springer
<b>Message</b>	"Ahimsa"	Rev. Springer
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Lead Us from Death to Life</i>	#581 (NCH - Black)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Sue Hummel
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; The Lord's Prayer</b>		Rev. Springer

**Invitation to Offertory**

Sue Hummel

**Offertory**

*Siyahmba/Send Me Jesus* - Mark Sedio

Anne Hoekstra

**\*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 (unison)**

Sue Hummel

What does the Lord require of us?  
Only this:  
to act justly  
to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

**\*Hymn**

*God of Change and Glory*

#177 (NCH - Black)

**Benediction**

Rev. Springer

**Postlude**

*Postlude* - GF Handel

Anne Hoekstra

\* 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.*