



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024



Worship Leader

Gina Greene

Mini Message

Craig Mahood

Director of Music

Luke Overton

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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.*

Prelude *Cradle Song* - Alexandre Gretchaninoff Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome & Announcements Gina Greene

Call to Worship Gina Greene

Leader: Jesus, teacher of radical Love says:

All: Come, follow me.

Leader: Christ, turning empire on its head says:

All: Come, follow me.

Leader: The Holy Spirit who troubles the waters of Liberation beckons:

All: Come, follow me.

Leader: Like a school of fish, we swim together towards abundance:

All: Come, we say to one another, follow me.

Leader: We will set one another free.

***Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Gina Greene

Compassionate Friend,

We are grateful that our hearts can be open enough to heal, and grateful to feel the sun of a new day on our faces.

With the fragility of life, we know that these are not given.

We are grateful for veils pulled back. For truth revealed. We will never normalize nor grow numb to death dealing ways. We will stay connected to tenderness. We will practice hope. Accompany us with steadfast wisdom & mercy, Oh God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *Amen, Amen* #161 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns Gina Greene

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. David Glenn-Burns

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.

Mini-Message Craig Mahood

Choral Anthem *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
- Dodd Lamberton Chancel Choir

Invitation to Offertory Gina Greene

Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*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		Gina Greene
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Mark 1:21-28	Gina Greene
*Hymn	<i>Giver of Life, Where'er They Be</i>	#603 (NCH - Black)
Message		Rev. Glenn-Burns
*Hymn	<i>God's Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	#475 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Rev. Glenn-Burns
Postlude	Improvisation on <i>Lobe den Herren</i>	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.