



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

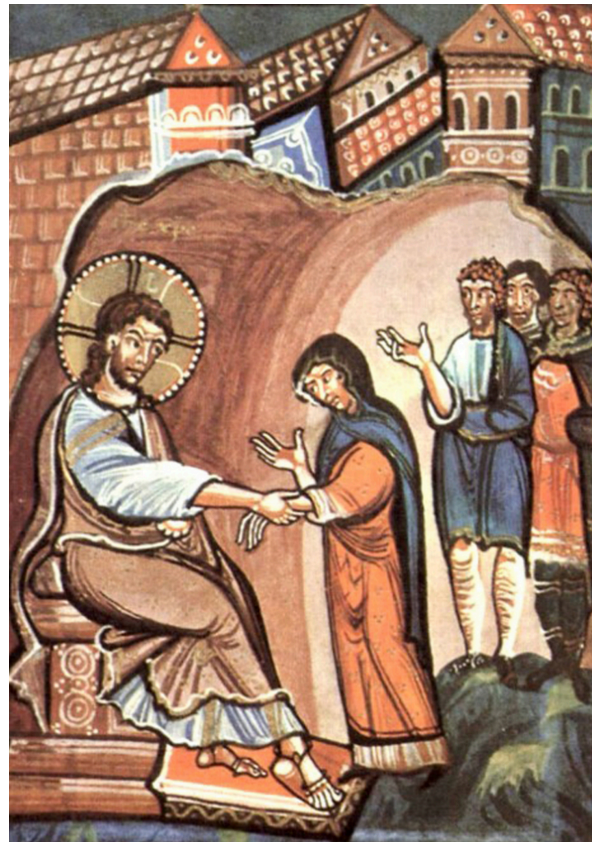
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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024



Worship Leader
Seth Chronister

Mini Message
Diane Highnam

Director of Music
Luke Overton

Guest Preacher
Rev. Pat Gadelmann

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.*

Prelude Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome and Announcements Seth Chronister

***Call to Worship** Seth Chronister

Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

People; **Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. Amen.**

***Prayer of Invocation** (unison) Rev. Pat Gadelmann

God of unspeakable love, we praise you for the holy beauty which awakens our worship and takes us from dullness to wonder, from timidity to trust, and from human ignorance to the divine light of your Christ. Bring into focus our thoughts, feelings, and faith as we come before you today. We pray in the glory of your name. Amen

***Opening Hymn** *Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good* vs. 1-3, 5 #6 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns Seth Chronister

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Gadelmann

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

Mini-Message Diane Highnam

Choral Anthem *There Is A Balm In Gilead* - John Leavitt Chancel Choir

Invitation to Offertory Seth Chronister

Offertory 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		Seth Chronister
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 40:21-31	Seth Chronister
New Testament Lesson	Mark 1:29-39	Rev. Geadelmann
Message	<i>“Lifted Up”</i>	Rev. Geadelmann
Hymn	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	#472 (NCH - Black)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Please come forward for the table is ready.

*Hymn	<i>God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak</i>	#531 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Rev. Geadelmann
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Mini-Message and until Communion (youth will come back upstairs to participate in Communion with their families). We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.