

For Our Visitors

Welcome to Worship

If you are joining us for the first time today, we're glad you're here! If you've been coming for a while, we're glad you're here too! Either way, please make yourself at home and join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Nursery

There is nursery care each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. to the end of the worship service for children age 10 and under. The nursery is located on the lower level and is accessible by using the elevator or either set of stairs. There are also "busy bags" available for young children at both entrances into the Sanctuary.

Restrooms

Handicapped accessible restrooms are located out the Sanctuary doors and to the left.

Fellowship Hall

Coffee Hour is located in Fellowship Hall, directly across from the Sanctuary doors.

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First Congregational Church of Ripon

a United Church of Christ Congregation

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015 @ 10:30AM
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Mission Statement:

**In the spirit of Christ Jesus, the purpose
of this church is to increase among people
the love of God and neighbor.**

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July 12, 2015

Join us in speaking aloud during **bolded portions**. Please rise in body or spirit when an asterisk (*) is listed.

Prelude

There Is a Happy Land

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Roger Cooke

*God's People Come to Worship

Based on Psalm 65

ONE: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!
MANY: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!
ONE: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.
MANY: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.
ONE: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea. You calm the uproar of the nations. You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.
MANY: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.

*Invocation

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

*Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams

no. 588

*Prayer of Reconciliation

So many voices trumpet their greatness, so many images boast of their beauty, flaunt their power, squander their wealth; and all too many of them do so in your name, Jesus. And here we are in a world which is daily broken by the foolish arrogance of men and women just like us; And so we pray for the healing of humility to flood every corner of our world. Wherever people are tempted to think of themselves as better than others, more worthy, more deserving, more important, may your humility break in and challenge us, reminding us of our brokenness, and teaching us to serve and to love everyone with the grace and humility you show toward us. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent reflection.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing God's Peace

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Sundays: 9:30-10:20 am, Meditation Practice

Tuesday: 5-6 pm, Sacred Space Committee Meeting

6-8 pm, VBS Preparation Night

Spire Deadline: Please submit articles and announcements for the August edition of "The Spire" monthly church newsletter by July 22.

Community-Wide Vacation Bible School

We are seeking both attendees and volunteers for our Community-Wide Vacation Bible School the first week of August. You can sign up as an attendee or a volunteer at rip-onvbs.org.

Also, there's a signup sheet for supplies, along with a donation box, just inside the main doors to the Fellowship Hall. It's another great way to help VBS!

Upcoming Outdoor Worship Service

Outdoor worship will take place at 10:30 on SUNDAY AUGUST 16th at the Village Green (corner of Watson and Seward). A potluck style lunch and fellowship will follow.

Apologies for any incorrectly published dates. August 16th is the correct date.

First Congo Summer Reading Program

Read any good books lately? If you do any summer reading, please fill out one of the summer reading cards in fellowship hall and stick it on the wall. As part of the campaign, let's see how many books we can read as a congregation over the summer. This is open to both children and adults.

Happy Reading! -- Ms. Olivia, CE Director.

Reading Changes Lives!

School supply donations for local schools can be placed in the green bin next to the food pantry donation big. Items needed are:

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| Notebooks | Blunt tip scissors | Rulers |
| Pencils/Pens | Pink Erasers | Glue Sticks |
| 2 Pocket Folders | Crayons | |

Also, don't forget about Yoobi products found at Target! Yoobi school/office supplies make a donation to a school in need every time you purchase one of their products.

If you would like to make a financial donation to Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services, you can donate online at ucc.org/literacy. With funds raised, CEOSS purchases backpacks and fills them with school supplies and sends them to schools in Cario, Egypt. Donations will be accepted through October 2015.

***Response**

**We are all one in God
who made us one family
We are all one in God
who set us all free**

The Lessons

Luke 18:9-14

see insert

Special Music

Quartet in D, 2nd movement, Adagio affetuoso (Theme & Variations)

Josef Haydn

Lukas Jaegar, violin, 17 Milwaukee

Charlie Morgan, violin, 17, Madison

Santiago Romereo, viola, 16, Torreon, Mexico

Alex Wu, cello, 15, Philadelphia, PA

Message

Healing Through Confession

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

***Hymn**

Touch the Earth Lightly

no. 569

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts & Lives

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

David Cherwien

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit Comforter
One God, Triune, whom we adore**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, we give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.

***Hymn**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

no. 476

***Unison Commissioning**

see screen

***Benediction**

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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In Our Prayers

Robin Patzlaff requests prayers for the family of her cousin-in-law Joseph Marx, who died as the result a tragic accident on Wednesday.

Jadon Reiterman, for continued answers in his health journey, particularly as it pertains to seizure activity.

Elizabeth Kraebber, a homebound church member.

The predominately African-American churches which have been victims of arson in the past few weeks, especially that we might be a voice against racism in our country.

All who are balancing care for aging parents.

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