

First Congregational United Church of Christ
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April 14th, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Our Mission:

To embody God's love for all by living an active faith
in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God's Presence in Our Lives.

All are welcome. Bring your whole self here,
and we will celebrate all that you are with you and before God.

* Indicates please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray.

PEOPLE: Yes, we have all fallen short of the expectations set for us by our Creator.

LEADER: And yet we come again to worship in the presence of a God whose love is endless, and whose grace is without limit.

PEOPLE: Such love is hard to imagine – and yet we know that without it our lives are without hope.

ALL: In God we do find hope. In God's love we find mercy. In God's house we worship and give thanks to the God who made us.

Opening #73 NCH "Enter, Rejoice, and Come in"

INVOCATION:

Spirit of the risen Christ, let your abundant grace become the source of our joy. Let us free ourselves from the useless and paralyzing consequences of guilt and shame. May we find in our worship today words of grace, love, compassion, forgiveness, and acceptance. May our songs and prayers reflect the deep gratitude we feel knowing that your death and resurrection have redeemed us from the grave.

CHILDREN'S TIME

NOISY OFFERING

Scripture:

John 21.15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he had said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt to go wherever you wished. But when you grew old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not want to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Mother, if preferred), who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom (or kindom) 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 (or kingdom), the power, and the glory
forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN #419 "Now Thank We All Our God"

***UNISON BENEDICTION**

May God the Creator, in whose image we are made;

And May Christ the Redeemer, who was raised from the dead;

And May their Holy Spirit, the lifeblood of the church:

Rest and abide with us today and forevermore. Amen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY

Ministers: All of Us

Liturgist: Linda Tillis

Pastor: John Dorhauer

Video: Colleen Bredeson

Organist: Travis Erikson

Co-Moderators: Amy Overton, Courtney Hanna-McNamara

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Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.
 Louise Ruspini
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.