

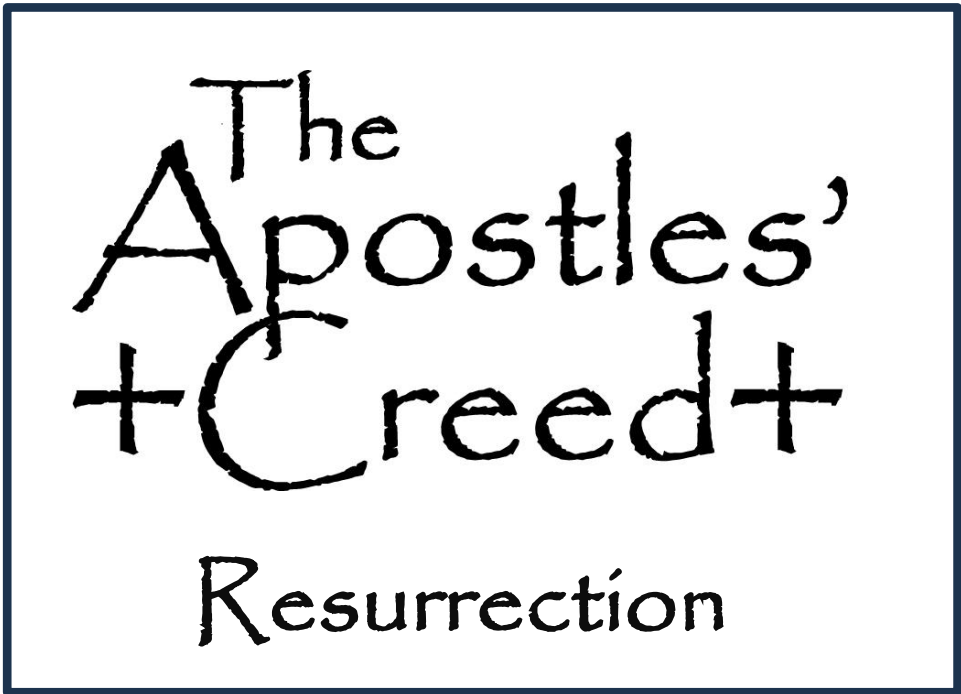
Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Blaine Anderson.**
- ✓ **A Special Congregational meeting** has been called for today following our worship to consider our proposed Bylaws.

Please pray:

- **For the United Nations:** Dear Lord, this Thursday, we will celebrate United Nations Day. Help us keep alive the vision of all nations cooperating together to end war and hunger forever. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.

First Congregational United Church of Christ



Sunday, October 20, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

“The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” [Luke 24:34]

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us [together] into his presence. [2 Cor. 4:14]

Yes, everything is so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. [2 Cor. 4:15]

Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN

CH #214

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

R: The Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ THE APOSTLES CREED

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✠ HYMN

CH #543

“Blessed Assurance”

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

[PRINTED]

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.

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the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
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John Ellerton, 1826-1893

ELLERS 10.10.10.10.
Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901

In unison

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy 'dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home-ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,

With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light;
Our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

We stand to bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Then, low - ly kneel - ing, wait thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace. A - men.

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