



Worship Bulletin

9 AM Service of Community and Sacrament
10:30 AM Service of Worship

Christ Congregational Church, UCC
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*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Church
Becoming an Anti-racist Church*

9:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY AND SACRAMENT

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 31, 2010**

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

GATHERING MUSIC

Chaconne in F Major

Henry Purcell

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered as a worshipping community,

We respond to God with prayer and praise.

Gathered as a learning community,

We respond to God by listening for God's Word.

Gathered as a compassionate community,

We respond to God with acts of caring.

Gathered as a serving community,

We respond to God as we identify the powerless and stand beside them.

HYMN OF PRAISE #401

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

A TIME FOR CENTERING

Silence...

READINGS

Traditional Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30

Contemporary

Leslie Weyn

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

NOURISHED BY THE WORD

What is God calling you to do and what excuses are you using/hearing?

What encouragement do today's readings offer you?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given
and human hands have made.

May it be for us the Bread of Life!

Bless this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

May it be for all the Cup of Peace!

Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking
we may have love for each other

And for all others you honor here at the Table of Life! Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

May we journey beyond these walls
as prophets speaking your truth,
disciples showing your way,
and companions in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH #43**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come to worship, the living God.

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the powerful almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses us to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

Together we worship God!

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God whose voice echoes all around and deep inside, speak to us through gentle reminders, hard truths, encouraging ideas, and emerging thoughts. We want our mouths to speak the ways of your love, so we pray as Jesus taught us...**Holy God, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kristen Curlee

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYERS OF PERSONAL AND CORPORATE CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not always believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your word so faintly, that sometimes we doubt your truth. When there is suffering around us, there are times when we are afraid to believe, or hope, or endure. Grant us courage to live our faith. Help us to follow the ways of Jesus. Keep us from insisting on our own way, when your way is most clear.

A time of silent reflection...

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God does not condemn us for our imperfection nor abandon us for our fears. The one who designed our being promises to be with us when we are challenged, to walk with us when it seems the whole world is against us, to love us at all times and in all circumstances. We are forgiven, healed, and empowered by God. God empowers us for our calling in life. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 4:21-30

David Bell

SERMON

“...I knew you...”

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amy L. Lewis

PRAYER RESPONSE*Spirit of the Living God*

IVERSON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Fantasy Piece
Michelle Esposito, clarinet

Robert Schumann

***DOXOLOGY**

Sung to the tune: TALLIS CANON

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Nurturing God, You remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls in ways that make Your love known. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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BEECHER

BENEDICTION

May God bless you, and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
May God look upon us with love, and grant us wholeness, harmony, and hope.
Now our worship concludes, but we know our service continues.
God's Word is within you; go in peace.

POSTLUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Fred Swann

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Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Mary Pence
 in celebration of five wonderful men:
 James H. Shelton, born January 27th; Dan Pence, born January 3rd;
 Brian Bucks, born December 25th; Brian Pence, born January 17th,
 and Sam Pence, born December 20th

Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

What is Happening With Christian Education Today?

During the 9:00 service

Adult Education *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room

Childcare for infants through two-year olds in the nursery - Room 106

During the 10:30 service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106

Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003

Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006

Kindergarten – Room 107

First Grade – Room 208

Second and Third Grade – Room 009

Fourth and Fifth Grade – Room 207

Middle School – Room 206

Evening Youth Program

5:30 Dinner – Social Hall

6:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary

7:00 Middle School (6th – 8th Grade) – Room 206

Covenant Class – Conference Room

Senior High (10th – 12th Grade) – Room 207

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