

# The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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## Epiphany

January 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

\* those who are able, please stand  
As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already  
seated who want a quiet place to pray.

### The Order of Worship

**Prelude** Sylvia Lee

**Chimes**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** Blue Hymnal #270

“Another Year Is Dawning”

**Story Bell** Mat Emerick

“Everybody Was....in the 70's”

**Hymn of Preparation** Blue Hymnal #563

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

**Scripture Reading** 191 N.T.

Galatians 6

**Message** Pastor Ray Dekker

*New Year that will Bless Everyone*

**\*Hymn** Blue Hymnal #464

“Come to the Table”

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Music for Communion** Sylvia Lee

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Offertory** Sylvia Lee

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Closing** Blue Hymnal #258

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (refrain only)

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

**\*Benediction**

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*Postlude** Sandy Dekker

*Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season! We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Welcome!*

\*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

\*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

\*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshipping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

\*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

\*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

*Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.*

***Serving Us:***

Altar Rep:	Barb Clark
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Barbara Blass-Frisbey(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Ann Werner, Beverly Williams(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Women's Fellowship(today) (next week)

***Celebrating this week:***

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Ponnie Foster (9), Erik St Peter, Anne VandeKieft (10)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

***Prayer Requests ~***

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Bob DeShetler - living at the Medical Care Facility

**This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, January 6**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Thank you refreshments from Women's Fellowship

**Monday, January 7**

**Tuesday, January 8 - *Church Office Closed***

5:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, January 9**

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved - Don Potter  
6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, January 10**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
No Crafters

**Friday, January 11**

**Saturday, January 12**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

**Sunday, January 13**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
5:30 p.m. CongoEnJoy-Meant - Fellowship Hall

### *Our Church News*

**Today we welcome** our new accompanist, Sylvia Lee. Sylvia is retired, lives in Fremont is a very accomplished pianist and voice teacher, and comes to us with a lot of church experience. Her main instrument is the piano, but she does know how to play the organ. She has choir accompanist experience and has agreed to accompany our choir. Sylvia is excited about working with us and serving our church as our accompanist.

**Come to** fellowship hall following worship for a piece of cake and fellowship. The Women's Fellowship thanks all who participated in various ways to once again make the Christmas Shopping & Home Tour a great success! Come celebrate with us!!

**Thank YOU** - Your church staff thanks all who gave so generously to the Christmas Purse. We each feel truly blessed to serve in this caring church family. **Pastor Ray, Mat & Deb, Jack and Lorene**

**Thank you for** all the Christmas well wishes, cards, and gifts. Sandy and I appreciate each of you who blessed us in this way very much. We both wish you all a healthy and fruitful 2019.

**The 2019 Calendars** for Altar Flowers, Greeters, Ushers and Coffee Hosts are posted in the office window. Please sign up!!

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up. If you would like envelopes and there is not a box for you please let Lorene know.

**To my friends at the UCC** - Thank you for the many years of encouragement and support. I have been truly blessed to have been in such a beautiful home for so long. Thank you for the timely and truly generous parting gift. I hope that Jim and I will always be part of the UCC family. **Jack Brooks**

**SCRIP is available** in Fellowship Hall following worship.

### *Requested Announcements*

**The January Series of Calvin College** will be video streamed live at the Dogwood Center, from 12:30-1:30 PM beginning January 3. The lectures are free and open to the public. Both the Black Box and Main Stage areas will be available for seating. Attendees may bring their lunch or order a lunch for \$5 by calling (231) 924-8885. Please give 24 hour notice if you would like a lunch.

Monday, January 7 – Dr. Jimmy Lin

“Finally, Some Good News about Cancer”

Tuesday, January 8 – Kara Powell

“Growing Young: Helping Young People Discover and Love the Church”

Wednesday, January 9 – Mariela Shaker

Finding Refuge on the Stage”

### **Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events**

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

### **Jan 13- Hymn Sing and “Snow on the Mountain!” 5:30-7:00pm-**

“Snow on the Mountain” is an amazingly unusual combination of foods- rice, chicken gravy, cheese, celery, pineapple, almonds, olives, chow mien noodles, green onions and coconut that add up to a delicious meal! You build your own mountain so if there's an item you don't like you can skip it. This along with an inspiring hymn sing will provide a splendid time for all of fun, food and fellowship!

**Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501, and if anyone would like to provide one of the food items that would be great!**



