

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
February 2, 2025 ~ The Rev. Kaity Kemp



*Eternal Echoes by Li Kim Gob*

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

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*(Following announcements, please turn and greet your neighbor "good morning", new children are welcome to join other children at Kid's Church located in former nursery on 2nd floor- see usher for assistance )*

OPENING HYMN #181

Silence! Frenzied Unclean Spirit

*Congregation sings, standing*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**ALL: In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.**

PASTOR: In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**ALL: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.**

PASTOR: In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

**ALL: Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy**

PASTOR: One, is our hope and trust.

PRAYER SONG #467

Give Us Light

*Congregation, seated, before and after prayers*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

*Congregation, seated*

**God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and active citizens of your kingdom. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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*Close your eyes to let go of the world around you, introduce a word in your mind, and gently let yourself be. When distractions arise, gently call to mind the word to return to interior silence.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Congregation, seated*

**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.**

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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DOXOLOGY# 708

Give Thee but Thine Own

*Congregation sings, standing*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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FIRST READING

1 Corinthians: 1-13

Danny Sprank

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter *Arr by Michael Sivill*

Ensemble

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

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REFLECTION

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COMMUNION

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*All who wish to know the love of Christ are welcome to receive communion. We receive communion by coming forward as the ushers invite you, to receive the bread in your hand and then drink your individual cup. We offer gluten and grain free bread. The cup contains grape juice.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread

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COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Congregation, seated*

We give thanks, almighty God,  
That you have refreshed us at your table  
By granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith,

Increase our love for one another  
And send us into the world in courage and  
peace, Rejoicing in the power of the Holy  
Spirit; Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN# 796

We Come to You...Healing

*Congregation sings standing*

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION SONG#377 I Want to Walk as a Child of Light (Vs & Refrain) *Congregation sings, standing*

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Almighty

Burkhardt

