




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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January 16, 2022

10:15 a.m.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"We have all things and abound; not because I have a good store of money in the bank, not because I have skill and wit with which to win my bread, but because the Lord is my shepherd."

— Charles Spurgeon

PRELUDE

"All Nature Sings"

by Alfred V. Fedak

GREETING

LEADER: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)

PEOPLE: **And also with you.** (Congregation responds with extended arms.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me besides still waters**

Leader: He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

OPENING HYMN "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" Praise Team

INVOCATION: Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

OUR CHURCH'S COVENANT: (see screen)

GLORIA PATRI

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

Joseph Leggett

PASTORAL PRAYER

& LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" see screen)

THE OFFERING Ponder the gifts you will offer to God—your tithes, your time, your resources.

DOXOLOGY #563

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MIDDLE HYMN "Change My Heart, O God" #420

SCRIPITURES (See Insert)

MEDITATION "Pastoral Present of Provision" David Lyons

CLOSING HYMN "Micha 6:8" #309

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING "God Be With You" #580

**God be with you till we meet again
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Hark I Hear The Harps Eternal"
by Gilbert M. Martin



Annual Soup Cook-Off
Sunday, January 23

After Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers

Call the office to enter your soup in the contest.

All proceeds will go to PF activities.

Congo On The Lake

Sunday, February 6

2:00—???

Lakeshore Center of Okobojo



FOOD DRIVE

UDMO Food Donations
non perishable food and hygiene products needed. Barrels located in the narthex & Education Wing.



**Congregational Annual Meeting/
Installation of Officers**

after worship **Sunday, January 23**
with PF Soup Cook-off to follow



Greeter: Denny & Dianne Phillips
Fellowship Hour: Cate, Alison, Josh, Max and Reese Munter
Nursery: Nora Conover, Jersey Norgaard
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Robbie Gerlock, Irie Leggett, Max Munter
Ushers: Frank Edington, Bob Rose, John Zinn
Worship Assistant: Sandy Leggett



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"God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find him, though He is not far from any one of us."
Acts 17:27 (NIV)

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MISSION STATEMENT ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ SPENCER, IOWA

The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.

Ministers - All
Today's Pastor— David Lyons
Director of Youth & Family Ministry— Joseph Leggett
familyministry@congospencer.org
Church Secretary - Michelle Tullberg
office@congospencer.org
Organist / Accompanist - Elina Ozolins
Bell Choir Director - Jessica Jans
Building Managers - Jodie Marlow and Lori Haburn

**Sermon Notes
January 16, 2022**

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Jeremiah 23:1-6 pg. 598

John 10:1 – 10; 11-15 pg. 817

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B. Verse 1b: I shall not be in want.

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1 Peter 1:3 pg. 922

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Romans 8:32, 35 pg. 862

Genesis 22:7, 8, 13, 14 pg. 15-16

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