

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023

10:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"You don't become a missionary by crossing the sea. You become a missionary by seeing the Cross."
— Dr. Josh Peters

PRELUDE "Variations on Ratisbon" by David Paxton

GREETING

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

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 96)

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

PEOPLE: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

ALL: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

***OPENING SONG** "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"
Praise Team

***INVOCATION:** **Father, we ask you to give us the same heart that your Son had, that we would be willing to lay down our lives to seek and save those who are hurting and lost. Give us compassion. And give us wisdom to reach them. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

***CHURCH'S COVENANT:** (see screen)

***GLORIA PATRI**

***PASS THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION TESTOMONIAL

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

Joseph Leggett

PASTORAL PRAYER

& LORD'S PRAYER (see screen)




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* All who are able, please stand

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

OFFERTORY "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
by Michael A. Johnson #563

***DOXOLOGY** #563

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Song of Joyful Thanks" by Ruth Elaine Schram

MIDDLE HYMN "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" vs 1-2 #443

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:8	pg. 830
Revelations 5:9	pg. 935
Revelations 7:9	pg. 936
Luke 19:10	pg. 802

MEDITATION "The Mission" David Lyons

CLOSING HYMN "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" vs 3-4 #443

***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.**

ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

POSTLUDE "O God of Earth and Alter" by Lani Smith

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**Annual Soup Cook-Off
Today**
After Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers
All proceeds will go to PF activities.



Congo Night Out
Tuesday, February 7
5:30—7:00
Plaza Mexico
Dutch Treat

Family Snow Day
Saturday, February 11, 2023
Mount Kato, MN

A fun day outside, enjoying skiing,
snowboarding, tubing, and fellowship.

We will offer some carpooling options for youth
who wish to attend but their parents are unable to
take them. All ages are invited, but any child less
than 5th grade must be accompanied by a parent.
Contact Joseph if interested.



**Congregational Annual Meeting/
Installation of Officers**
after worship **TODAY**
with PF Soup Cook-off to follow



150 Years of Faith, Family & Fellowship
First Congregational Church of Spencer
1872 - 2022

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 / Bell Choir &
Choir Director - Elina Leander-Ozolins

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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.



Fellowship Hour: PF Soup Cook-off
Greeter: Tom & Susan Howe
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Robbie Gerlock, Irie Leggett, Max Munter
Ushers: Frank Edington, Bob Rose, John Zinn
Worship Assistant: Everly Slawson

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES 2023

CURRENT BY-LAWS

Section 5. CORE MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE is responsible for nurturing our life together through fellowship events and care for one another. Task teams may include: teams for visiting members, contact with visitors, Bread of Life to worship visitors, Meals, Events, New members, Cards, Church Relations (IA-NE, NACCC, ICF, others), Prayer Chain, Membership Roles, Communications (web site and social media).

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Core Ministry of Fellowship – which would be responsible for the gatherings of our congregation:

- Meals – assist in kitchen & dining room as needed/requested
- Fellowship events – including fellowship hour following service each Sunday
- Communication (website & social media)
- New Members – welcoming reception
- Membership Roles?

Core Ministry of Congregational Care – would be responsible for any type of “care” of our congregation:

- Visiting members – shut ins, ill, death, etc.
- Sending cards – birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, etc.
- Church relations – IA/NE, NACCC, ICF, etc.
- Prayer chain
- Bread of Life to worship visitors

Sunday Announcements January 22, 2023

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