



# Identity Integrity Invitation

**January 11, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to First United Church of Christ

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*We are pleased you have decided to worship with us today!*

*Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.*

*The offering plate is located on the small table outside of the sanctuary*



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***\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND***

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L:** In Your Mercy,

**P:** Lord, hear our prayer.

### **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you,

**P:** And also with you!

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end, Amen, Amen.**

### **\*HYMN #304 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Verse 1 and 4**

### **CHILDREN'S LESSON**

### **SCRIPTURE - PSALM 29 from *The Message***

### **\*HYMN "To God Be The Glory"**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
An opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, the greater will be Our wonder,  
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**L:** The Word of our Lord                      **P:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON**      “Identity, Integrity, Invitation”

**\*HYMN    “My Adoption Song”**

I renounce the lie that I don't measure up  
I renounce the lie I'm unworthy of Your love  
And when shame comes knocking and fear starts talking  
I will lift my hands  
In Your presence, You remind me who I am

I am adopted, I am beloved  
It's my inheritance, I'm a child of God  
So when the liar starts mouthing off  
I'll sing in confidence my adoption song

I rebuke any spirit that's tried to keep me bound  
And I plead the blood of Jesus, the accuser has no ground  
And my future's given, name is written  
In His nail-scarred hands  
And forevermore I know whose I am

I am adopted, I am beloved  
It's my inheritance, I'm a child of God  
So when the liar starts mouthing off  
I'll sing in confidence, my adoption song  
Whoa, Whoa  
You are my family where I belong  
Whoa, Whoa  
I'll sing in confidence my adoption song, yeah

Nothing's gonna take, nothing's gonna take it away  
I carry Your name, I carry Your name

Nothing's gonna take, nothing's gonna take it away  
I carry Your name, I carry Your name  
'Cause I am adopted, I am beloved

It's my inheritance, I'm a child of God  
So when the liar starts mouthing off  
I'll sing in confidence my adoption song  
Whoa, whoa  
You are my family where I belong  
Whoa, Whoa  
I'll sing in confidence my adoption song  
I'll sing in confidence my adoption song

**\*BENEDICTION**                      “The Blessing”                      Jobe, Carnes

**The Lord bless you, and keep you; make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Organist - Deb Schwitzer  
Liturgist - Barb Cary  
Greeters - Blair & Pam Freet, Gary Lausen  
Ushers—Bruce Cary & Riley Resor  
Ministers of First UCC are its members  
Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

**THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR**

Tues.	Jan. 13	10 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed.	Jan. 14	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution
		4:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Choir
		5:30 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (6th-8th)
		6:15 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group Dinner
		6:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (9th-12th)
Thurs.	Jan. 15	12 p.m.	Tipton Ministerial Association
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	It Takes A Village
Sat.	Jan. 17	8:00 a.m.	Book Study
Sun.	Jan. 18	9 a.m.	Sunday School: Pre K—5th
		9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		9 a.m.	Confirmation
		10 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Who Are We? First UCC!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Bible Study** resumes this Tuesday, Jan. 13 when we will continue watching and discussing *The Chosen* season three at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution is every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Want to help? Stop by at 4:00 p.m. and see how you might help this team.
- ♦ **It Takes A Village** takes place on Thurs., Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jared and Whitney Gehrs from 6:30—7:30 p.m. There is a devotional, prayer, and a time of discussion. Childcare is available at the church.
- ♦ It's not too late! Even if you missed the 1st Saturday, PLEASE come and join us the 3rd Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for our book study of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World* by John Mark Comer. Grab your copy of the book from the Fireside Room or order your own. We will discuss the section "Silence and Solitude" on Saturday, Jan. 17.
- ♦ Interested in learning about First UCC and membership? Attend *Who Are We? First UCC* on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the youth room. This is a no-pressure, informational meeting.
- ♦ Want to help with Sub Sunday? Meet with the Outreach Committee on Sunday, Jan. 18 after worship.
- ♦ The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, Jan. 25 following worship. During that time, members will be approving the 2026 committee members and budget. Worship this day will be centered around the celebrations of First UCC in 2025. Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution is every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Want to help? Stop by at 4:00 p.m. and see how you might help this team.

## SERMON NOTES/TAKEAWAYS