

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"Our testimonies, like trees, must be built on a sure foundation, deeply rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that when the winds and rains come into our lives, as they surely will, we will be strong enough to weather the storms that rage about us." —Sheldon F. Child

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Joel Raney

JuBellations and Piano

GREETING

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

(Congregation responds with extended arms)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Welcome this day to the house of our God.

PEOPLE: **We are greeted in peace and in love.**

LEADER: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

PEOPLE: **We worship in hope and with grace.**

LEADER: Welcome this day to our community of faith,

PEOPLE: **Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

LEADER: Friends, let us worship God.

***INVOCATION: God of Hope, We see your love poured out for us in all the world. Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community human and beyond-human, creature and created to your glory, so your love is known among all the living. Amen.**



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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***PASTORAL PRAYER**

& LORD'S PRAYER (see screen)

THE OFFERING Ponder what God wants you to offer up to him.

OFFERTORY "Open Our Lives to the Word"
by Ray Makeever

***DOXOLOGY** #563

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

JUGGLER & INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER Luke Winger

POSTLUDE "Good Christians, Rejoice and Sing"
arr. David Paxton

*ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.



**Memorial Flowers in loving memory of
Del Muckey
by Marcie Muckey & Family.**



**PF FISHING OUTING
April 20th - 10:00-12:00**

Join Joseph at Stolley's on April 20th, Earth Day! Plan to fish! Bring your fishing poles. If you don't have one, we have extra.



Acolyte: Evalyn Simpson
Fellowship Hour: Core Ministry of Fellowship
Nursery: Ada Conover & Ruby Leggett
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Robbie Gerlock, Tommy Gerlock, Irie Leggett, Max Moser, Max Munter
Ushers: Randy & Judy Van Dyke
Worship Assistant: Nate Schmidt



**Annual May Breakfast
& Bake Sale**

**Wednesday, May 1st
7:00 - 10:00 am**

This is a great fundraiser for the Mayflower Circle. Come and enjoy egg bake, sweet rolls, fruit cup and their famous egg coffee! Pecans and dishcloths will be available to purchase as well!



**Grief Share
March 4 - May 20
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Mayflower Circle Luncheon
April 18th at 9:30 a.m.
Meet at Family Table**



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Choir Director—Elina Ozolins-Leander
Building Manager—Lori Haburn

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.

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