



## **What We Believe**

### **First Congregational United Church of Christ**

**We believe** in the Triune God and believe Jesus as the Christ is the sole Head of the Church.

**We believe** that each person is unique and valuable. It is the will of God that every person belongs to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved.

**We believe** that each person is on a spiritual journey and that each of us is at a different stage of that journey.

**We believe** that all people of faith are invited to join at Christ's table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. This why we insist that God's communion table is open, not closed. It is a joyous act of thanksgiving for all God has done, is doing, and will do for the redeeming of creation.

**We believe** the sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Through baptism a person is joined with the universal church, the body of Christ. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always. Baptism is for infants, children, youth, and adults.

**We believe** the United Church of Christ is called to be a united and uniting church. "That they may all be one." (John 17:21) "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, diversity; in all things, charity." The UCC has no rigid formulation of doctrine or attachment to creeds or structures. Its overarching creed is love.

**We believe** in extravagant welcome. Our congregation extends hospitality as a sign of God's inclusive, all-encompassing love.

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**