

Mission Statement

We are The Congregational Church of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, United Church of Christ. We are Christian, which means we recognize in Jesus of Nazareth the divine qualities of peace, joy, love, compassion and justice. Being Christian means we endeavor to eagerly explore the Bible for its spiritual wisdom contained in symbol, parable and history. We find in this sacred book stories that are reflective of our own lives and struggles. Being Christian means we have a specific tradition and history to which we are drawn.

We are open-minded, which means we understand faith as a quest, not a fully-grasped certainty. Being open-minded means we agree to consider different points of view with the expectation of learning and growing. Because we believe God is still speaking, we see being open-minded as a key to meaningful faithfulness.

We are welcoming, which means, in attempting to faithfully follow Jesus in our time and place, we do our best to be inclusive and embrace diversity. We affirm that every person has worth and is created in the image of God. As a congregation, we strive to model a spiritual community of faith that continually works toward justice while seeking peace, healing and wholeness of life for all people. Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, which means we gratefully receive into the full life and ministry of the church persons of every race, culture, age, ability and economic status, faithfully welcoming all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their families and friends. Jesus didn't reject people. Neither do we. We are The Congregational Church of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, United Church of Christ.