

## Come As You Are!

Have you ever wondered whether you would be welcome at a particular church? You are not alone. Many of us did not know what to expect when we walked through the doors of our church for the first time. But what we found kept us coming back.

You may be wondering, "Would I be welcome at First Congregational Church of Orange City United Church of Christ?" We want to answer some of the questions you may have

Am I welcome if I've never been to church before? **YES!**

If I'm a single parent? **YES!**

If I don't believe the earth was created in six days? **YES!**

If I'm divorced? If I'm divorced and remarried? **YES!**

If I didn't grow up in the United Church of Christ? **YES!**

If I believe there is truth in science? **YES!**

If English isn't my first language? **YES!**

If I'm lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender? If I love someone who is? **YES!**

If I'm in recovery from addiction? **YES!**

If my spouse/partner is of a different faith? **YES!**

If I've never been baptized? **YES!**

If I bring my small children? **YES!**

If I have to work most Sunday mornings? **YES!**

If I'm more comfortable wearing shorts to church? **YES!**

If I take the Bible seriously, but not literally? **YES!**

If I have a disability? **YES!**

If I believe all people are created equal? **YES!**

If I'm a teenager or young adult? **YES!**

If I drink alcohol? **YES!**

If it has been a while since I've been to church? **YES!**

If I prefer classic rock to Christian rock? **YES!**

If I'm a seasonal resident and not here all year? **YES!**

If I vote for Democrats? Or Republicans? Or any other political party? **YES!**

If I've made some big mistakes in my life? **YES!**

If I can't afford to put anything in the offering plate? **YES!**

If I have doubts? **YES!**

Our church and its facilities are accessible to all, regardless of physical abilities or disabilities. God calls us to create positive and peaceful change and to work for social justice.