

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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July 3, 2022

Welcome to the First Congregational United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



Our mission is to embrace people of every age and stage of life and help them become the most loving version of themselves possible.

Words of Welcome

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Congregational Response: *You are welcome to journey together with us!*

****Call to Community***

One: Jonah was sent to the people of Nineveh.

Many: But he didn't want to go. He was afraid to go.

One: We often think freedom is running away from our problems, our callings, our purpose.

Many: But true freedom comes from becoming the person God intends.

One: Our authentic self, our true self, our "real" self. That is the person God intends.

Many: So let us worship the God of authenticity, truth, and real freedom. A freedom that comes from above, and is given freely for all.

****Response***

B. 526 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

We are marching in the light of God,

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We are marching, Oo,

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Kids' Chat

"Answer Mountain"

****Hymn***

B.592 "God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"

(vv. 1-3)

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1 & 2

Introduction to Offering

****Response***

B. 395 “*In Christ There Is No East or West*”

In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North,
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Dedication

A Time for 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3 & 4

****Hymn***

B. 591 “*This is My Song*”

Message

“*Unfolding Light*”

Special Music

“*If I Had a Million Dollars*” by Elwyn and Jay
Performed by Harrison and Stephanie Kalember

Lego Meditation

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion
(Based on Rev. Dr. Michelle Collins, *Lego Worship for All Ages*)

Blessing

“What It Is Is Beautiful”

What is in front of us may not resemble our church building or
chalice or platter of chicken to feed hungry people.

But it IS a reflection of our community of all ages.

What it is, is beautiful! It’s awesome!

From this house to the world we will go. Hand in hand to build a
new way. For everything IS cool when you’re part of a team.

Everything IS awesome, when we’re living our dream. Let’s go
and build something grand this year! Blessed be.



Please note that we have two hymnals, one is red (R), the other is
black (B).

*You are invited to stand if you feel comfortable doing so.

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

Worship Leader: Rev. Greg Watling

Liturgist: Laura Bantens

Greeter:

Flowers: Helen Mate

Music Director: Rokko Jans

Altar & Banner Design: Helen Mate

Music Videos: Brenda Brummel

Production: Pete Amar

Coffee Hour: Vicky Rigney and Helen Mate

Lawn Mowing This Week: Don Storing

Pastor

Rev. Greg Watling

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Monday: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Or by appointment

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Moderator

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~ In Our Prayers ~
During the month of July,
the UNA is holding our church in prayer.

The English Family – as they grieve the loss of Joe’s mother and process Joe’s recent diagnosis with progressive aphasia.

Laura Bantens and her partner, Chris – as Chris is experiencing health issues and they are both encountering major life changes.

Sandra Soderberg – as she has broken a bone in her left shoulder.

Maxine Dely – as she deals with ongoing balance issues.

John Hellenberg – who is now living in AspenRidge.

Gloria House’s granddaughter, Madison Crawford – as she suffers from cataplexy in narcolepsy along with other neurological struggles. She is at home and adjusting to new medication which seems to be helping but is still in need of prayers.

Brad Derenzy—as he has continuing health struggles.

Ariah House – as she is finally home but still in need of prayers. She will be traveling to Grand Rapids for monthly infusions.

Mardee Storing’s daughter, Lori Lane

All of those working on the frontline to fight COVID-19, those that are considered essential workers, those without jobs, those ill, and those affected by this pandemic in anyway.



Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are received by the church office. Names will appear on the list for two months; please let the office know if this time needs to be extended, or if it is time to remove a name.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3 Joel Sietsema
4 Tony Fobar
4 Laura Hotelling
10 Bo Leser
16 Lori Ferguson
16 Harrison Kalember
18 Whitney Rigney
Mary Evans

21 Gloria House
23 Mardee Storing
26 Jackie Fry
31 Brianna Boughner

Anniversaries

3 Roger and Brenda
Brummel

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Next Outdoor Worship – July 10th

There will be no First Sunday with Brenda – in July.

Church Picnic and Sharing Cupboard Dedication – Sunday, August 14. Picnic will be potluck style, please be on the lookout for signup sheet soon.

Bible Study – please monitor your email for information from Rokko on how bible will meet. In the meantime, the Zoom link is provided:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84612895017>

Name Tags – if you are in need of a name tag, please let Jessica in office know.

Food Pantry – is in need of a few more volunteers. Please contact Don Storing if interested.

Happenings at Church

For the week of July 3rd, 2022

Sunday: Worship, 10am

Monday: ***Independence Day***
Office Closed

Tuesday: Office Hours 8am -12pm

Thursday: Bible Study, 11am
(Normal Office Hours Resume)

Friday: Community Meal, 4pm

*Our meetings are open to all. If you have input for any of our teams and cannot make the meeting time, please email us your ideas at office@firstuccgaylord.org. Thanks!