

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

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July 17, 2022

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***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***

*"All of Us are Beautiful" by Thomas Rhodes*

One: We come in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes. Some of us grow in bunches. Some of us grow alone. Some of us are cupped inward, And some of us spread ourselves out wide. Some of us are old and dried and tougher than we appear. Some of us are still in bud. Some of us grow low to the ground, And some of us stretch toward the sun. Some of us feel like weeds, sometimes. Some of us carry seeds, sometimes. Some of us are prickly, sometimes. Some of us smell. And all of us are beautiful. What a bouquet of people we are!

## ***\*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***

*"As God Sees You"*

## ***\*Hymn***

*B.547 "Amazing Grace"*

*(vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)*

***Scripture Lesson***

Psalm 63: 2-8

***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***

Luke 15: 2-10

***\*Hymn***

B.524 "This Little Light"  
(vv. 1-3)

***Message***

"As God Sees You"

***Special Music***

"800 Pound Jesus" by Paul Thorn  
*Performed by J. Morse*

***Blessing***

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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:** Louanne Spearman

**Greeter:** Margaret Hellenberg

**Flowers:** Helen Mate

**Music Director:** Rokko Jans

**Music:** Aaron Hotelling

**Altar & Banner Design:** Helen Mate

**Music Videos:** Brenda Brummel

**Production:** Mary Fox

**Coffee Hour:** Gloria House

**Lawn Mowing This Week:** George Lienerth

**Pastor**

Rev. Greg Watling

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~ *In Our Prayers* ~

*During the month of July,  
the UNA is holding our church in prayer.*

**Brenda Brummel** – as she undergoes tests and treatments.

**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	21	Gloria House
4	Tony Fobar	23	Mardee Storing
4	Laura Hotelling	26	Jackie Fry
10	Bo Leser	31	Brianna Boughner
16	Lori Ferguson		
16	Harrison Kalember		
18	Whitney Rigney		
	Mary Evans		

### ***Anniversaries***

3	Roger and Brenda Brummel
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## **- ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

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

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

**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.

***Happenings at Church***

**For the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

***Alpenfest Week for downtown Gaylord***

***Sunday:***       Worship, 10am

***Monday:***      Reaching In, 12pm

***Thursday:***    Bible Study, 11am

***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](mailto:office@firstuccgaylord.org). Thanks!