

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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July 31, 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 Worship***

Cords of Love: Service Prayers for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ. Used by permission.

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

One: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

Prayer of Transformation

(from *Cords of Love* by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay)

ALL: Gracious One, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation. Amen.

****Gloria Patri***

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit:
three in one!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Kids' Chat

“Mine!”

****Hymn***

B.403 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(vv. 1,2,4)

Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 2: 18-23

Introduction to Offering

(from Cords of Love by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay)

****Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One

Prayer of Dedication

(from Cords of Love by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay)

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 12: 13-21

****Hymn***

B.419 “Now Thank We All Our God” (*in English*)

Message

“The Problem of Money”

Special Music

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by John Rutter

Sung by The Choir

Blessing

(from Cords of Love by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay)

One: As we have been led by cords of human kindness, let us live connected to all creation. As we have been freed, may we pursue liberty for all. As we have known God's gracious love, may we embody God's abundant love. Amen.

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: Donna Kofler

Flowers: Helen Mate

Music Director: Rokko Jans

Altar & Banner Design: Helen Mate

Music Videos: Brenda Brummel

Production: Pete Amar

Coffee Hour: The "W" Bunch!

Lawn Mowing This Week: Don Storing

Pastor

Rev. Greg Watling

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Thursday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

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~ *In Our Prayers* ~

*During the month of August,
the UNA is holding the Harrison church in prayer.*

Helen Crandall – as she addresses ongoing health concerns.

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.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

4 Margaret Soller
8 Helen Crandall
12 Joe English
20 Jen Kassuba
20 Paul Balliet
23 Meadow Kassuba
24 Tyler English

Anniversaries

1 Eric & Meredith
Anderson
7 Dale & Margaret
Rehkopf
29 Mary & David Evans

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Reaching Out – will be collecting school supplies again during the months of August and September. Please see box in narthex or Louanne Spearman for additional info.

Sharing Cupboard – During the month of August, we will be collecting socks and small baby items. There is a box in fellowship hall for collection. All items are free to those who need them.

Rummage Sale - is next month! Now is the time to start looking around your homes and garages for items to donate! Drop-off dates are Sept. 12 & 13 only, sale dates are Sept. 16 & 17. Please see Sallie Anderson or Helen Crandall for more info.

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>

Happenings at Church

For the week of July 31st, 2022

Sunday: Worship, 10am

Monday: Reaching In, 12pm

Thursday: Bible Study, 11am
 Women's Fellowship, 12:15pm

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!