

# **First Congregational United Church of Christ**

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November 13, 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 Worship***

*(Make Up Your Mind: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost were written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ. Worship Ways: United Church of Christ, Used by permission)*

One: Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

**Many: We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.**

One: Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

**Many: You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road to travel.**

One: Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are stayed on loving us.

**Many: We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do.**

### ***Invocation***

*(by Rev. Teña T. Nock)*

One: Unwavering One, we are thankful for the clarity found in you. You welcome us into your presence, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We delight in knowing that even when we come stumbling over ourselves, your love is sure to pick us up and steady us. Because you are love, you keep your promises to us. Help us walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises too. 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.

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life***

*(by Rev. Teña T. Nock)*

One: Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you. You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness. Amen.

**Words of Grace**

*(by Rev. Teña T. Nock)*

**ALL: God is unwavering in mercy, and because we come from God, we know God's grace is sufficient no matter our condition. Grace and mercy are extensions of God's steadfast love and are present for us and in us. Amen.**

**Kids' Chat**

*"Talents"*

***\*Hymn***

*"I Saw the Light"*

*See insert or screen for lyrics.*

***First Scripture Lesson:***

Isaiah 65: 17-25

***Stewardship Moment***

*Mary Fox*

## **Invitation to Generosity**

*(by Rev. Teña T. Nock)*

One: God is unwavering in giving to us, so let us give to God. Let us choose to bring our gifts with made up minds to foster and build the Beloved Community. Let these resources be used to steady the work of the Kin-dom. Amen.

### ***\*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 Thanksgiving***

*by Rev. Teña T. Nock*

One: Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.

### ***Second Scripture Lesson***

Luke 21:5-19

### ***Sharing of Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's 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.

### ***Hymn***

*"We Gather Together"*

*See insert or screen for lyrics.*

## ***Message***

*“God Both/And World”*

By Rev. Greg Watling

## ***Special Music***

*“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?”*

*By Ada R. Habershon*

*Performed by The Ukulele Club*

## ***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:** Kathy Menkes

**Greeter:** Louanne Spearman

**Flowers:** Louanne Spearman

**Worship Music Leaders:** The Ukulele Club

**Altar & Banner Design:** Helen Mate

**Graphic Arts:** Brenda Brummel

**Production:** Pete Amar

**Coffee Hour:** Vicky and Helen C.

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Greg Watling

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#### **Communications Coordinator**

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## ~ In Our Prayers ~

During the month of November,  
the UNA is holding the Manistee church in prayer.

**Joel and Joanie Sietsma** – as Joel has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. He will be in treatment for 3-5 weeks, followed by surgery.

**John and Margaret Hellenberg** – as John has entered Hospice care at Aspen Ridge.

**Bill and Maxine Dely** – as Maxine has been moved from Medilodge to her daughter's in the Grand Rapids area for further recuperation.

**Brenda Brummel** – as she recovers from surgery.

**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 addresses ongoing health concerns.

**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.

**Don Storing and family** – as they grieve the loss of Mardee's daughter, Lori Lane.

**Jennifer (Crandall) Finnegan and family**- as Jen's husband and father-in-law are having health issues.

**David Evans** – as he is having a malignant lesion removed from his nose.

**JoAnn Schopp** – as she recovers from heart surgery at home.

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



*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.*

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### ***November Birthdays and Anniversaries***

#### ***Birthdays***

10 Ariah House  
14 Maggie Wallin  
16 Maureen Derenzy  
18 Zephania Boughner

#### ***Anniversaries***

10 Paul & Marilyn Kaczanowski  
28 Jeff and Stephanie Kalember  
29 Maureen and Brad Derenzy

## **- ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

**Annual Meeting** – is scheduled for today, Sunday, Nov. 13, after worship.

**Ordination for UNA clergy, Patricia (Patti) Ulrich** - to be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 13, 2022 at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 101 State St, Charlevoix, MI

**Thanksgiving Art** - submissions will be accepted through today, Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Your submissions can be left in the pews at the front, far left side of the sanctuary. Please remember to include an explanation of how your piece was inspired by the verses.

**Council Meeting** – after church on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas** – after church on the 20<sup>th</sup> .

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** to be held at 3 PM on November 20<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church on Charles Brink Rd.

**Food Pantry** – needs a few more volunteers. Please contact Don Storing if interested.

**Bible Study** – at 11 AM on Thursdays. The Zoom link is provided:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84612895017>

### **Happenings at Church for the week of November 13, 2022**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship, 10 AM Annual Meeting after worship
<b>Monday:</b>	Reaching In 12PM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Newsletter submissions due.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Trustees, 11 AM
<b>Thursday:</b>	Bible Study 11 AM Choir 4 PM
<b>Friday:</b>	Community Meal, 4 PM

\*Our meetings are open to all, except where noted. 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!