

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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!



*"Give us this day our daily bread"*

*Matthew 6:11*

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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*

*\*Opening Song of Praise*

*(B) 25*

*“O, God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last  
And our eternal home.”*

*\*Call to Worship: (WL = Worship Leader, M= Ministers)*

**WL:** We gather to worship and praise our God and to hear more of the wonders of our God.

**M: How great and wonderful is our compassionate God.**

**WL:** We come, with ears and hearts open to God. ready to discover more of God's mysteries and miracles.

**M: How generous and caring is our unchanging God.**

**WL:** We gather to share together in our common history and to experience the deep joy which that brings us.

**ALL: All praise and honor to God for past and present blessings and for God's merciful love and grace.**

*\*Opening Hymn*

*(B) 346 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”*

*\*Corporate Unison Prayer*

Eternal God,

Your love for us is everlasting and boundless. Jesus, your Son, taught us that you provide all that we need, both physically and spiritually. The Bible tells of the life-giving bread you provide. Bread fills our stomachs and thus our physical needs. The Bread of Life, which only you can provide, satisfies us forever. Feed us now as we journey to be closer to you. Help us to find time to spend with only you as we renew our commitment to be your faithful disciples and strengthen our relationship with you. AMEN

*\*Gloria Patri*

*Children's Time*

*“Jesus Loves the Children” –by Rokko Jans  
Jesus loves the children. He says, “Come unto me.”  
Lord, teach our hearts to open wide  
Thy Kingdom comes to those who like a child  
Come unto Thee*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Exodus 16:4-12

Pg. 82

***Thank you, God, for the many ways you still speak to us.***

***Offering***

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Performed by Gage Boughner on saxophone

\*The Doxology

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

John 6:35-40

Pg. 132 NT

***Thank you, God, for the many ways you still speak to us.***

***Sermon***

“Sacredness Around Us”

*Eric Hemenway*

*Director of Archives for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians*

***\*Hymn***

(B) 321 “Break Now the Bread of Life”

***Prayers of the People and Singing of the Lord’s Prayer (R)440***

***\*Benediction***

***\*Song of Sending***

***(B) 207***

*“Just as I am, your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be yours, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!”*

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**SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:**

**Worship Leader:** Eric Hemenway  
**Music Director:** Rokko Jans  
**Kidz on a Mission:** Brenda Brummel  
**Younger Kidz on a Mission:** Mary Fox  
**Liturgist:** Mona Viviano  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Margaret Hellenberg  
**March Flowers:** Laura Bantens

**Moderator**

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Jessica's Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday: 03/10 8:00am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 03/11 8:00am – 2:30pm



**Following worship**, please join us in the Fellowship Hall where today's coffee hour will be hosted by Mary Sue Evans, Mona Viviano, and Vicky Rigney.

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

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

\*\* Page numbers for scriptures coincide with our pew bible, Good News Bible.