

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

218 W. Second St., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

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March 29th, 2020

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!



But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" -Matthew 14:30

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

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

(Ezekiel 37, John 11)

WL: Coming from places that have seen better days,

M: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

WL: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

M: The Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

WL: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

M: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,

ALL: speaking in word and sacrament and building community for holy service.

Gloria Patri

Corporate Unison Prayer

From *Lent in Plain Sight*

God of glory and majesty, you alone are holy and worthy of our praise. You sent Jesus to show us your ways, to teach us your will, to reveal your love. Forgive us when we fail to point to our Savior, when we forget our role and seek to be more or less than who you create and call us to be. Convict us of your purpose for us and send your Spirit to enable us to fulfill it boldly. Amen

Children's Time

“Shoes”

1st Scripture Reading

Mark 6:6B-13

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Offering

At this time, you may mail in your contributions to the church:

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***The Doxology**

Special Music
“You Raise Me Up”
(Graham/Lovland)
Sung by Harrison Kalember

2nd Scripture Reading
Acts 3:1-10

Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”

So, the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Sermon
“You Raise Me Up”

Prayers of the People

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Benediction

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:

Worship Leader: Rokko Jans

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

COVID -19

If you must be isolated during the COVID-19 crisis, please let the Church Office know 989-732-5726 or office@firstuccgaylord.org so we can call or visit you as well as keep you in the prayers of the congregation.

April Newsletter – we would like to put together an April newsletter. If you have any content you'd like add, please email to the office by Wednesday, April 3rd. Please contribute stories of inspiration, good ideas of what has been keeping you busy, scripture, resources in and around our town that others may find helpful, etc.

Rev. Webeler reports that she is doing much better, and well on her way to recovering from the automobile accident. She thanks our congregation for the prayers and sends her love to all.

Office Hours – are suspended effective immediately. You must notify Jessica if you've been in the office or plan to go to office, so we eliminate any face to face encounters.

Building Use – all building use is suspended until further notice unless otherwise discussed. This includes The Community Meal, bible study, and book club.

The Food Pantry – is in desperate need of food donations as many families from the service industries are without pay right now. If you can spare non-perishables, please call the United Way for drop-off times and more information regarding the next dates for helping with The Food Pantry: March 25th and 26th (Wednesday and Thursday). April 27 & 28, May 18 & 19th: 12p-2p (Monday and Tuesday).

Happenings at Church
For the week of March 29th, 2020

Sunday: Virtual Worship, 10:00am

~ In Our Prayers ~

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

Jeannine Wambold's son-in-law, Jordan - who is hospitalized with broken ribs and a punctured lung after a fall.

Norman Reim - Rokko's bandmate, as he addresses his recent cancer diagnosis.

Don Storing's longtime friend, Eric Larsen – as he navigates his recent stage IV lung and brain cancer diagnosis.

Louanne Spearman – as she has been experiencing back issues.

Lani English and Family – as they grieve the passing of Lani's cousin, Adam.

Margaret Soller – as she grieves the loss of her twin sister, Liz.

Marcus and Samantha Fray – as they navigate Marcus's recent ALS diagnosis.

Marcus is married to George and Judy Dunn's granddaughter. He is in his thirties with two small children.

The Boughner Family – as they grieve Scott's passing.

Rev. Ginny Titus and Family



Prayer Requests

See the prayer request / joys sheet in the Narthex to add to this list. If someone has been inadvertently omitted or if it is time to remove a name, please let the church office know.

During this time of transition, if you have pastoral concerns, please contact the church office and Jessica will notify the Reaching In team.

