

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

218 W. Second St., Gaylord, Michigan 49735

[www.firstuccgaylord.org](http://www.firstuccgaylord.org)

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!



*"We live in a small world, and we are affected by everything that happens everywhere." - Natalie Portman*

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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*

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

WL: In the world of the driven,

**M: Let us be drawn in.**

WL: Let your love be a given,

**M: Let us be drawn in.**

WL: To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem,

**M: For the sake of everyone living,**

**ALL: Let us be drawn in.**

## *Hymn*

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

## *Corporate Unison Prayer*

God, thank you that we are not one person but one people. You have made us individuals with unique backgrounds, stories, gifts and passions; but you have given these all to work together. Each unique gifting brings joy to us as we use the gift and blessing to those around us. Help us to rejoice in the gifts of others and allow them to bless us rather than be covetous and resentful.

Re-integrating God, you created us for relationship with you and others. Open us to be changed as we encounter the diversity of your children. Draw us into your love. Give us the courage to reach out in love. Amen

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

Deuteronomy 6:5-12

## *Special Music*

“One Love” by Bob Marley

Performed by Laura and Aaron Hotelling and Rokko Jans

## *Children’s Time*

“For the Love of Pets”

## *The Creatives*

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-19

## *Sermon*

“One World”

***Offering***

At this time, you may mail in your contributions to the church:  
218 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Gaylord, MI 49735

***The 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.*

***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer***

***Benediction***

May you see the unfolding of each day as an opportunity to be a Co-Creator with  
God.

As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel his company leading you toward creating more  
kindness, justice and mercy.

May you listen for the Spirit's whisperings of new directions to follow, new paths  
to trod, new joys to behold.

And may you feel God's presence with you this day and in all the days ahead.  
Amen.

***SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS:***

**Sermon Leader:** Laura Hotelling

**Music Director:** Rokko Jans

**Liturgist:** Sallie Anderson

**Children's Message:** Brenda Brummel

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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](mailto:office@firstuccgaylord.org) so we can call or visit you as well as keep you in the prayers of the congregation.

**Jeannine Wambold** – would like to thank everyone for lifting her son-in-law, Jordan, in prayer. He is healing from his broken ribs.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** - click the following link to join our virtual coffee hour this Sunday between 10:45 – 11 am; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83811276546> call or text Rokko (773) 398-6767 or Brenda (810) 623-1691 if you have any difficulties connecting. Dial in phone number is: (929) 205 6099

**Through the years, Alpine Oven has been so supportive of our church.** They have provided us with food and more recently the venue for our fund raiser for Kids on a Mission. We want to let you know that both Alpine Tavern and Crave are open for carry out service.

**Al Davis is doing well in Florida.** He would love to hear from his Northern Michigan friends! (321) 522-9898

**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: May 18 & 19th: 12p-2p (Monday and Tuesday).

**Census 2020** – be sure to complete your census at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) if you haven't already!

### **Happenings at Church** For the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday:	Virtual Worship, 10:00am Virtual Coffee Hour, 10:45am
Monday:	Reaching In via Zoom, 12:00pm
Wednesday:	Reaching Out via Zoom, 11:00am Trustees via Zoom, 11:00am
Thursday:	Bible Study via Zoom, 11:00am

## ~ In Our Prayers ~

*During the month of May, the UNA is holding the Lewiston church in prayer.*

**The Family of Judith Krieger** – as they grieve Judith’s passing. She and her husband, Don, were active members of our church when they lived in Gaylord.

**Judy Falk** – as she is back home after spending some time in the hospital.

**Bo Leser** – As he continues to experience health issues and is awaiting testing.

**Kati Carlson & Family** – as the family has undergone several health challenges.

**Cleveann Wolf** – as she is now in a memory care facility.

**Ilah Weaver** – as she recovers at home from forehead surgery.

**Doug Fopma** – Doug has made huge strides! He is now recovering in a rehabilitation center in Grand Rapids and still in need of prayers.

**Doug Galer** – who is also hospitalized and fighting to recover from COVID-19.

**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.

**Norman Reim** - Rokko’s bandmate, as he recovers from recent surgery.

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

**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.

**Rev. Ginny Titus and Family**



*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.*

*Prayer Requests*

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