

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



**“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you’re welcome here.”**

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

June 4, 2023
Trinity Sunday

† Those who are able, may stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are to honor the memory of the birthday of Douglas Porter, by his wife, Debbie Porter and daughter, Shannon Porter. They also honor the memory of Nell and George Anderson's anniversary, Debbie's parents and Shannon's grandparents.

CHIMES

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven

PRELUDE

All Creatures Of Our God and King

WELCOME

Dr. Guerreno

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Saint Clair, United Church of Christ, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you're welcome here. Many thanks to all who are here for this worship service. Greetings to those of you with us on the Facebook Livestream. And a big thank you to all who are helping with this morning's worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

† CALLING ON GOD

Jacie Sanders

Psalm 33:1-2, 12, 16-18 (NRSV), adapted

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the LORD with the lyre, make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song! Play skillfully on the strings with loud shouts.

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

† HYMN

We Worship You, God
NCH26 vs 1, 3, 5

OPENING PRAYER

Jacie Sanders

To God in Jesus Christ be all glory and praise! Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find comfort and challenge, imagination and peace. Here may the smug and arrogant find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the old be refreshed and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RUEBEN MOORE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Sabrina Doyle
Finley O'Connor

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Zachary Clapp II
Parents: Mike and Melissa Malcolm
Graduate of Marine City High School

Kaylie O'Connor
Parents: Kyle and Rachel O'Connor
Graduate of SC4
Associate of Science with Honors
Associate of Arts with Honors

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 111, CEV
Jacie Sanders

MUSICAL MEDITATION

All Things Bright and Beautiful

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 1, selected, NKJV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

“What The Bible Is About”
Dr. Guerreno

† HYMN

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder
NCH558 vs 1 & 4

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY

†THE 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

On Eagle’s Wings

†OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy,
God the Almighty!
Early in the morning
we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and Mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, you are holy. You are sacred. You can be frightening. We're grateful for your love, love which binds us to you and to each other in and through your Christ. Help us never to forget the power and strength of that love. When fear assaults us and when the future seems more than we can take or the past is too much to bear, help us remember your love, love for which we are grateful and for which we give these gifts. Use them and use us with love, that love would come to all creation and mark what does come, and what will come and what is, in the holy name of Jesus, your Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation

Sharing the Story

Blessing the Elements

The Meal is Served

Thanksgiving After the Meal

† CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
NCH82 vs 1 & 2

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Glory and Praise to Our God

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Bryce C. DeLand, Dave Scheel, Harietta Ryan, Eric Fandruck, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Jan Yager, Rachel O'Connor, Marge Guinther, Barb Jeffries, Genie Lucyk, Ann Whittaker. Also, remember Edwin Summers, Cameron Coverly (Army-deployed in Europe), Nathan Distelrath, all who are serving in the military, first responders, medical personnel, and our elected officials..

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

COMMUNION: Laurel Lydy

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Nikki Perry, Tim Galvin

READER: Jacie Sanders

POWER POINT: Sam Tricomo

NEXT WEEK'S READER: Elsa Pennewell

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

"There's This Guy, Jesus...."

Psalm 33:1-12 Matthew 9:18-26

6/11/23 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Elsa Pennewell

POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

6/18/23 READER: Jody Skonieczny

OPEN AND AFFIRMING INCLUSIVE CHURCH COVENANT

The members of the First Congregational Church of St. Clair, United Church of Christ, declare that we are a fully inclusive, Open and Affirming Congregation. We affirm the life and teachings of Jesus

Christ and believe that all people are children of God. As such, we welcome to the community of faith all people of diverse race, physical and mental abilities, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, and socio-economic status. We covenant to provide to all a safe, loving, nurturing and compassionate community.

~CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS~

WELCOME CHUCK GUERRENO

Chuck can be reached at the church 10:00 – 4:30 Thursday through Friday, 11:00 – 4:30 on Saturday, and 8:00 – noon on Sunday. Chuck can be reached at stclairinterim@gmail.com and (989) 980-0061.

RUEBEN RICE MOORE MEMORIAL BIBLES

An article from the local newspaper, 1922, Rueben R. Moore 1868 – 1922

A business man who took very active part in civic and social affairs of the town.

He was a very active member of the Congregational Church. His church relationship was a close one ... for many years he was Superintendent of Sunday School. He was President for many years of the St. Clair County School Association, and at his death was President of the State Association. He devoted much time to the YMCA. He was a member of the Board of Education of St. Clair. He was connected with sales at Diamond Crystal and a director of the Commercial and Savings Bank of St. Clair. He was charitable and no worthy institution ever appealed to him for assistance in vain.

Church Channel Newsletter, Betty Winslow, June 3, 1979, Children's Sunday. Rueben Rice Moore Bibles were presented by Jack Moore to the following: Holly Beers, Nicole Davies, Tara Livzey, Thomas Lowe, Teresa Lowe, Matthew Teeple, Lisa Thompson, Anne Thompson, and Sara Saph. Prior to 1900, C. F. Moore began this presentation. (Fred Moore's grandfather). Rueben Rice continued the tradition until 1922. At that time Annie Mae Moore (his widow) assumed the sponsorship, over 1,000 bibles have been awarded.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee is continuing to update the church profile. The search committee members are: Co-Chairs Avery Skonieczny & Don Rice, Rose Crowley, Mike Kennedy, Don O'Connor. Kathy Rood, Kathy Cilluffo, Sam Tricomo, Vicki Kling and Ash Currie. We are available for your questions and concerns regarding the pastoral search in person or email at firstcongsc@gmail.com.

CURIOUS ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

If you're wondering about becoming a church member, please speak with Pat O'Connor or Chuck to set up a time to chat. Your questions about the United Church of Christ and this church specifically will be answered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will resume after Labor day. Through the summer, there will be pew packets located under the back table in the sanctuary for children. There is a nursery where parents may go with their younger children if they choose to. It's a comfortable room where children can play. There is a changing table in the bathroom in the lounge.

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

Our Communion Offerings are usually placed in a Pastor's Emergency Fund. Those needing emergency assistance are screened and, when available, funds are provided.

MISSIONS

The First Congregational Mission Team has been hard at work! Mission Team activities so far this year include:

Christian Children's Fund
Hygiene Supplies/Harbor Impact
Little Red Food Pantry
Conference/Christmas Fund 2022
East China Food Service/School Lunches

St. Clair Middle School/High School Band
Marine City MS Harpoon Club Support
(a program to help potential drop outs from leaving school)
Emergency Clothing/Gearing & Pine River
Gift Cards/Easter families
Our Churches Wider Mission
Conference Dues

Donation made to the Special Olympics of Michigan
Donation made to the Heifer Project during the 10x match period

The Mission Team is also looking into starting a Lunch Buddy program next school year at one of the elementary schools. This will not be a donation of funds but of our time to mentor at-risk students. We just want to get a feel for how many people might be interested in taking part in this before we approach the school district. Kathy Cilluffo currently takes part in Port Huron School's program at Woodrow Elementary. Kathy meets with a student weekly on typically the same day of the week. Time spent with the student is during their 30-minute lunch period. Woodrow has a dedicated room for us to meet and they can eat their school lunch or I may pick up something from a fast-food restaurant. For this program, a background check needs to be done and I assume that will be the same for East China as well. If you are interested, just send Kathy a quick email at kcilluffo57@yahoo.com with your interest and any questions you may have.

If you wish for your offering to go to Mission, please designate Missions on your check and/or your offering envelope.

The next Mission Meeting is Wednesday, June 21, at 2 p.m., in the lounge.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

This small pantry is a community outreach program sponsored by The Mission Team of this church. It is stocked twice-weekly with non-perishable food. Donation requests may change but the need to feed does not.

June is a joy!
School comes to an end.
We cherish each father.
Enjoy time with a friend.

Kids are home,
Ready to eat.
Food in the pantry
makes a meal complete.

JUNE PANTRY NEEDS
Canned Fruit
Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Pineapple
Cereal
Kraft Mac & Cheese

SUMMER SUN EXTRAS
Ketchup
Mustard
Relish
Salad Dressing
Pasta Salad
Pasta Salad in a box
ex: Betty Crocker
Suddenly Salad

Please leave food donations in the elevator room on one of the shelves labeled: THE LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY.

Questions? Please call Nancy Kennedy at (810)-329-3790.

HYMN LYRICS

HYMN

We Worship You, God
NCH26 vs 1, 3, 5

We worship you, God;
your power and your love
are blazoned abroad,
around, and above;
Our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.

The earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power
has founded of old,
Established it fast by
a changeless decree,
and round it you cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

HYMN

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder
NCH558 vs 1 & 4

O how glorious full of wonder
is your name o'er all the earth,
God, who wrought creation's splendor,
bringing suns and stars to birth!
Rapt in reverence we adore you,
marveling at your mystic ways.
Humbly now we bow before you,
lifting up our hearts in praise.

O how wondrous, O how glorious
is your name in every land,
God, whose purpose shines before us
toward the goal that you have planned!
Yours the will our hearts are seeking,
conscious of our human need.
Spirit in our spirit speaking,
make us yours, O God, indeed.

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
NCH82 vs 1 & 2

Go, my children,
with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children,
with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children,
fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children,
fed and nourished,
joyful and free.