

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

I love the LORD,
because he hath heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he hath inclined
his ear unto me, therefore will I
call upon him as long as I live.

Psalm 116:1-2



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**“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 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost

† Those who are able, may stand.

CHIMES

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

PRELUDE

Bring Many Names

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**

Jody Skonieczny

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts and your voices!

We lift them to God.

Lift up your spirits! Lift up your minds!

We lift them to God.

Let there be peace and purpose in this place.

Let there be boldness and challenge, new awareness and fresh understanding.

Let there be worship, in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Amen!

† **HYMN**

Glorious Things of You are Spoken

NCH307 vs 1 & 4

OPENING PRAYER

Jody Skonieczny

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Creating and Loving God, gather us as one. Gather our scattered selves, our fragmented lives, our separate dreams and our solitary dwelling places--gather us as one, that we would be now, again, your waiting and hopeful people, your church, the body of your Christ. Gather us and speak to us in ways we understand. Hold us close and give us something to do. Show us your way and help us to follow it. Gather us now, again, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-16, NRSV
Jody Skonieczny

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Nearer, My God to You

THE SECOND READING

Hosea 11:1-4,8-9, TEV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

"God The Father, God The Mother"
Dr. Guerreno

† HYMN

Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us
NCH583 All

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

†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

We bring gifts, Holy God, and we're sure you notice. We bring gifts here and now, and we know you know. Help us to remember other gifts are out there, as well, gifts we can bring to other places at other times, knowing you'll notice that, too. We bring gifts, Holy God. Help bring them as needed, where needed and when needed, that your kingdom would come, in the name of your Son. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Here I am Lord
W&R559 All

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Tim Galvin, Jessica Lemmen, Bryce C. DeLand, Dave Scheel, Harietta Ryan, Eric Fandrick, 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

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Jody Skonieczny

POWER POINT: Pat O'Connor

NEXT WEEK'S READER: Karen Galvin

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

"Marriage"

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, CEV

6/25/23 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Pat O'Connor, Don O'Connor

READER: Karen Galvin

POWER POINT: Ash Currie

7/2/23 READER: Pat O'Connor

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.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee has reviewed four applicants, none are active at this time. The search continues. 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 firstcongscc@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 dropouts 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 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 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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken
NCH307 vs 1 & 4

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed you for a blessed abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

Savior, if of Zion's city
we through grace a part may claim,
Let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in your name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all earth's boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures,
none but Zion's children know.

HYMN

Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us
NCH583 All

Like a mother who has borne us,
held us close in her delight,
Fed us freely from her body,
God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us,
grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrows,
God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered,
placed our trust in power and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters,
God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort,
grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
Tread the path of peace and justice,
God will walk with us in life.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord
W&R559 All

I, Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am. Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am. Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am. Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.