

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

August 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

† Those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Liza Grace Thourlby from her mother, Harrietta and sisters, Abby, Jamie and Nana.

CHIMES

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

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.)

† HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
NCH4 vs 1 & 4

† CALLING ON GOD AND OPENING PRAYER

Kathy Cilluffo

Truly the Lord is a mighty God!

The God of dawn and darkness loves us as fathers and mothers love their children.

Let us pray:

Great Creator our God, we come now to worship you, to seek your purpose for us. Give us hearts to see what our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel what our hands cannot touch. When our ears hear silence, let our hearts hear your voice. Teach

us to know you as you are: Love flowing like a fountain, refreshing us in body and in spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray as one: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

[English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988]

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 33:12-22, CEV
Kathy Cilluffo

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Spirit Song

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, CEV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

“Hiroshima”
Dr. Guerreno

† HYMN

I Love To Tell The Story
NCH522 vs 1, 3, 4

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY

OFFERTORY

When Morning Guilds The Sky

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and it's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,

seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faith is what you would have from us, Creator God. Faith is the food you would give us. Faith is the air you would have us breathe and the water you would have us drink, and we do thank you. Help us to be faith when it is needed around us. We pray you, in faith, to use our gifts, to use who we are and what we do and where we do it. Use these gifts, money we give for your church, to bring in the fullness of faith today, tomorrow and always in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation

Sharing the Story

Blessing the Elements

The Meal is Served

Thanksgiving After The Meal

† CLOSING HYMN

Lead On Eternal Sovereign
NCH573 All

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Jessica Lemmen, Bryce C. DeLand, Harietta Ryan, Eric Fandrlick, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Jan Yager, Rachel O'Connor, Marge Guinther, Barb Jeffries, Genie Lucyk, Ann Whittaker. Also, remember to pray for all who are serving in the military, first responders, medical personnel, and our elected officials..

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

COMMUNION: Vicki Kling

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Pat O'Connor, Don O'Connor

READER: Kathy Cilluffo

POWER POINT: Pat O'Connor

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

"When You Don't Know What To Do"

1 Kings 19:1-18-,CEV

8/13/23 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg

USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Jacie Sanders

POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

8/20/23 READER: Don Rice

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 is anxiously awaiting new applicants. 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 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.

MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Missions meeting Wednesday, August 16, at 2 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship, Sunday, August 13.

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.

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.

August's sun will brighten each day.
God's son will enlighten our way.
Guide us in service,
Oh, Lord, we pray.

August pantry needs:
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Canned Fruit
Kraft Mac & Cheese
Canned Pasta with or without meat
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Tuna Fish

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

For questions, please call Nancy Kennedy (810-329-3790).

HYMN LYRICS

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
NCH4 vs All

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the storm of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward,
faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lead us onward
in the triumph song of life.

HYMN

I Love To Tell The Story
NCH522 vs All

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory,
of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story
of Jesus' endless love.

I love to tell the story;
it's pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story
of Jesus' endless love.

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glory,
I know the new, new song
will be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story
of Jesus' endless love.

HYMN

Lead On Eternal Sovereign NCH573 All

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way:
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day;
Through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear;
That when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and all your saints together
will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion
will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each other
for all eternity.