

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
March 24, 2024 – Sixth Sunday In Lent

† Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME

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.

CHIMES

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

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

† PALM SUNDAY PROCLAMATION

†HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
NCH216 All

† CALLING ON GOD

Karen Galvin

Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."

Behold our God who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first.

†OPENING PRAYER

Karen Galvin

Christ is in our midst. Let us pray.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house to worship, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter that city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE (sung)

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 26-29, CEV
Karen Galvin

MUSICAL MEDITATION

In The Name Of The Lord

THE SECOND READING

John 12:12-15, 19:28-30, CEV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

LENTEN SERMON SERIES,
“STORIES JESUS TOLD”
“Jesus, Death And You”

Dr. Guerreno

†HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
NCH213 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

The Royal Banners Forward Fly
My Song Is Love Unknown

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are Holy, Lord!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God: for putting meaning all around us and for putting it where we can find it; for putting meaning in what we do for you and what we do for each other; for putting meaning in self-discipline and in self-sacrifice and self-giving, we thank you more than we can say, and we pray more meaning in us and around us and through us, that in the meaning we find and act upon, others would find meaning also, to the glory of the name of your Son, Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Ride On! Ride On In Majesty
NCH215 All

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Lift High The Cross



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Peter Payne, Diane Liebetreu and her family, Carol Carroll, Susan Couch, Bryce C. DeLand, Eric Fandrick, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Jan Yager, Rachel O'Connor, Marge Guinther, 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: Don Rice

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Tom Pennewell, Nikki Perry

READER: Karen Galvin POWER POINT: Pat O'Connor

COFFEE HOUR: Don and Nancy Rice

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

“When Darkness Knows Your Name”

John 20:1-18, CEV

3/31/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Don Rice

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Pat O'Connor, Don O'Connor

READER: Bonnie Landschoot POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

READER 4/7/24 – 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 Search Committee invited a prospective minister to tour St. Clair in October. 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

Beginning 2024, Sunday School will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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.

THE LITTLE RED 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.

You can MARCH in step
or beat your own drum.
and support a cause
where you are from.

Make MARCH the month
you make the choice
to step up
for a hungry voice.

March pantry food needs: green beans, cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, Easter side dishes or desserts, and Easter basket treats.

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

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

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is each Sunday immediately following worship. There are several Sundays available to host coffee hour. Please be sure to check out the sign-up sheet on the back table of the sanctuary.

MISSIONS

The Mission Team is grateful for the donations thus far for BWARM and will continue to collect needed items until Easter Sunday. BWARM packs lunches each day for 60 men to take to their jobs. We would like to help them. We need: brown paper lunch bags, granola bars, sandwich bags, snack zip-lock bags, fruit cups, dry coffee creamers, apples, and peanut butter.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship April 21, 2024.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you have something you would like shared to our social media platforms? For any news, events, or stories you'd like to share with our community, please reach out to Karl Heilman in person, message our Facebook page or email him at kheilman84@yahoo.com. Let's continue to spread God's love together! Feel free to like, share, and engage with our content as we strive to connect and uplift one another through the power of social media. Check out our Facebook page at:

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