

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
April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday Of Easter

† Those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are from Lezlynn Moore in memory of Fred Whiting Moore, grandfather of the late Fred S. Moore.

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

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

† **CALLING ON GOD** (adapted from Psalm 4) Jacie Sanders

Answer me when I call, O God!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

The LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears us when we call to him.

When we are disturbed, we must not sin; we ponder it in our beds.

We put our trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

God puts gladness in my heart.

Because of God I both lie down and sleep in peace.

† **HYMN**

Crown Him With Your Richest Crowns
NCH301 All

†OPENING PRAYER

Jacie Sanders

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth. Let us pray.

God of Resurrection and Life, we praise you for this time to worship you, for this community of faith, for your hope to sustain us, and for the breath of life within us. We praise you for the life and living of Jesus, whose resurrection inspires us still, two thousand years after his death. As we worship today, in the season of Easter and in the season of Spring, renew our spirits, revitalize our ministries, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Thank you for this community of faith, for the support and encouragement we offer each other and for the meaning and purpose of our lives. Direct us according to your will. In the name of Jesus we ask it, Amen.

THE CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE FIRST READING

Luke 24:36b-48, NRSVUE

Jacie Sanders

MUSICAL MEDITATION

O Savior, Let Me Walk With You

THE SECOND READING

Acts 3:1-16, NRSVUE

Rev. Liz Hoban

SERMON

“Walk With Me”

Rev. Liz Hoban

†HYMN

I Come To The Garden Alone
NCH237 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God of All,

Thank you for these gifts for your work. With these gifts, we rededicate ourselves toward your good. Each day we encounter unexpected negativity, hopelessness, greed, anger, and even peril. We are never fully prepared for what we experience. For that reason, we rely on you to guide us to our betterment, comfort us in our distress, and wake us each morning – renewed, determined, and focused on what you want us to do. Nurture us as we take your good to the world and as we give thanks for Jesus our teacher. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Yours Is The Glory, Resurrected One!
NCH253 All

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross



One License #A720797

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

The family of Marge Guinther, Cynthia Camilleri, 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: Kathy Cilluffo

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Paul Lydy, Tom Pennewell

READER: Jacie Sanders POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

"There's Something You Should Know"

Psalm 23, KJV

Philippians 4:1-8, TEV

4/21/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Kathy Cilluffo

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Rose Crowley POWER POINT: Jody Skonieczny

COFFEE HOUR: Karen Galvin

READER 4/28/24 – Karen Galvin

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 has interviewed two prospective pastors and are moving forward with discussions. The Conference continues to receive interested applicants. 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

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.

We wake up in APRIL.
Life is fresh and new.

Grass is green.
The sky is blue.

Celebrate Earth Day
And everything that's good.
Remember others
In the pantry's neighborhood.

APRIL pantry needs:
Cereal
Kraft Mac & Cheese
Canned Pasta
(with or w/o meat)
Potato Pouches

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.

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/First.Congregational.UCC.St.Clair?mibextid=ZbWKwl>.

CHIME PRACTICE

Chime practice will begin April 21 following worship at 11:30 a.m. Practices will be held April 21, 28, May 5, and 12. Performance scheduled for May 19.