

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 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday Of Easter

† 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRELUDE

Be Still, My Soul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

† CALLING ON GOD

Rose Crowley

This is the word of God, according to the prophet Joel: It shall come to pass that I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams.

People of God, we have been baptized into one Spirit and one body through Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

NCH276 1 & 4

†OPENING PRAYER

Rose Crowley

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.

We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now longing to know that touch of your spirit, that we may be encouraged to

serve you in the world. Come to us, that we may recognize you and sing your praise, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Psalm 23, KJV Rose Crowley

MUSICAL MEDITATION I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

THE SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-8, TEV Dr. Guerreno

SERMON “There’s Something You Should Know” Dr. Guerreno

†HYMN For The Fruit Of All Creation
NCH425 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 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

† 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

You are love, Holy God. Jesus tells us that and our lives tell us that. You are perfect love. You are infinite love. You are love beyond description. Jesus says so. Our lives say so. So here are these gifts. We thank you for loving us. We thank you for encouraging us to love each other. We wonder why it's so hard. Help us, Holy One, love each other as best we can, knowing that in the giving of these gifts we make a commitment to do just that, in the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know
NCH49 All

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

God's Actions, Always Good And Just



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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 Fandruck, 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: Jim Light, Jacie Sanders

READER: Rose Crowley POWER POINT: Jody Skonieczny

COFFEE HOUR: Don and Nancy Rice

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

"What's Best About The Bible"

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 NRSV John 10:22-30, Ruden

4/28/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Kathy Cilluffo

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

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

READER: Karen Galvin POWER POINT: Jacie Sanders

READER 5/5/24 – Nikki Perry

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 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.

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

There will be a very special coffee hour on Sunday, April 28, 2024, immediately following worship, to celebrate the 49th anniversary of Chuck's ordination. 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.