

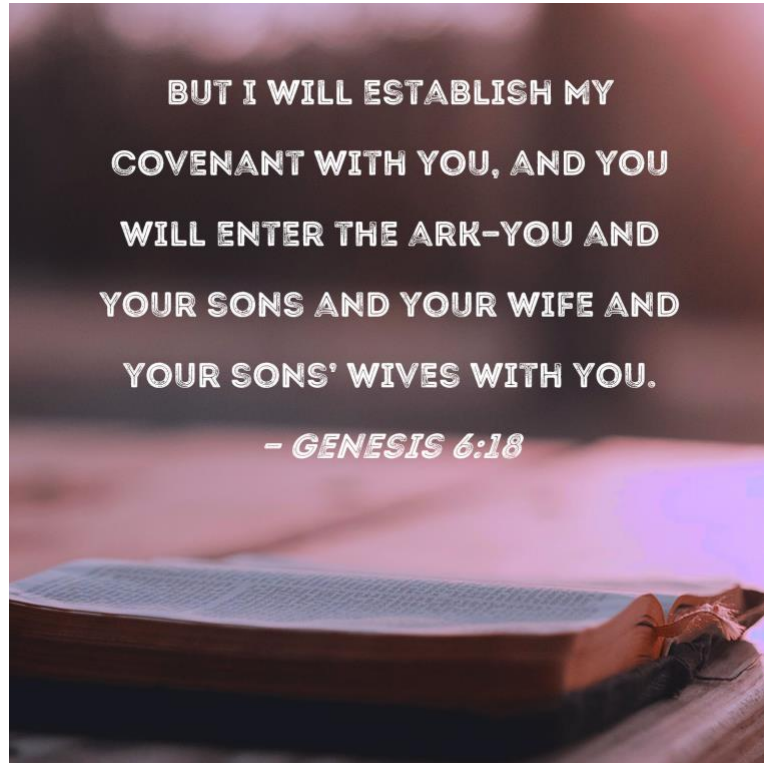
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

BUT I WILL ESTABLISH MY
COVENANT WITH YOU, AND YOU
WILL ENTER THE ARK—YOU AND
YOUR SONS AND YOUR WIFE AND
YOUR SONS' WIVES WITH YOU.

— *GENESIS 6:18*



**“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

May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

† 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

I Will Trust In The Lord

PRELUDE

Deep In The Shadows Of The Past

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

† CALLING ON GOD

Dave Scheel

Revelation 1:4-5 and Psalm 84:1-4, NRSV, adapted

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead and the ruler of the kings and queens of the earth.

Amen!

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, at your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you!

† HYMN

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

NCH42 All

†OPENING PRAYER

Dave Scheel

Thanks be to God, who is Jesus Christ always leads us in spirit and in truth!
It is good and right to offer God thanks and praise at all times and in all places. Let us pray.

God of Abraham and Ruth, you call us to embark on a journey of faith. We stand before you, ready to hear your call and to follow where you lead, for you have claimed us by your mercy and set before us eternal promises in Jesus Christ, with whom we live to give you all glory in the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE FIRST READING Genesis 6:5-9, 11-14, 17-18, CEV Dave Scheel

MUSICAL MEDITATION Come Forth, O Love Divine

THE SECOND READING Acts 2:1-4, 14, 16-17, 21, CEV Dr. Guerreno

SERMON “Fire And Water, And God” Dr. Guerreno

†**HYMN** Breathe On Me, Breath Of God NCH292 All

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed by 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

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

† OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Spirit Of The Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In your presence, Holy One, blessing abounds, blessing seen and unseen, felt and unfelt. In your presence challenge abounds, as well, challenge seen and not, felt and not. Seeking blessing, then, and also seeking challenge, we bring you gifts, knowing that in giving we become like you. Becoming like you does bring blessing and it does bring challenge. Bless us, Great God. Challenge us, Mighty One, all in the name and spirit of your Son, who has told us you are love. Amen.

†HYMN

I Love To Tell The Story

NCH522 vs 1 & 4 All

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

In The Midst Of New Dimensions



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Jeannette Botright, Peter Payne and his family, Diane Liebetreu and her family, Carol Carroll, Susan Couch, Bryce C. DeLand, Eric Fandrick, Matthew Pennewell, Emerson Stone, Jan Yager, Rachel O'Connor, 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, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Dave Scheel POWER POINT: Jody Skonieczny

COFFEE HOUR: Don & Pat O'Connor

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

"Jesus The Disruptor"

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 John 2:13-22

Rev. Julia DiFiore

5/26/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Don Rice

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Dave Scheel, Nikki Perry

READER: Nancy Rice POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

READER: 6/2/24 – Jacie Sanders

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/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Search Committee has turned over the search to the Leadership Committee. The Leadership Committee will present Pastor Julia DiFiore for pastor at the May 26, 2024, worship service. A congregational meeting will immediately follow worship to vote for acceptance of the Search Committee's nomination of Pastor Julia DiFiore.

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. May Sunday School dates are May 5 and May 19.

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.

MAY I ask,
MAY I please,
For help for the hungry
Not everyone sees.

Wish I MAY,
Wish I might,
We become one
And fight this fight.
MAY Pantry Food Needs
Cereal
Canned Chicken/Tuna
Kraft Mac & Cheese
Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Pasta

MAY Pantry Food Extras
Mother's Day Meal Side Dishes/Desserts
Memorial Day Meal Side Dishes
(Boxed Salad Kits, Chips, etc.)

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

Any questions? Please call 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

Our Mission Team's May and June Project is delivering deserving treats for our essential workers. Following is the schedule of treats for deserving essential workers: April 29 - May 3 - St. Clair Police Department, May 6 - May 10 - St. Clair Fire Department, May 13 - May 17 - Blue Water Hospice, May 20 - May 24 - Mallards Landing, May 27 - May 31 - St Clair County Animal Control, June 3 - June 7 – SNAP, June 10 - June 14 - St. Clair County Dispatch, June 17 - 21 - Blue Water Area Rescue Mission (BWARM), June 24 - 28 - Friends of the St. Clair River and Dept of Public Works.

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>.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be June 9. If you know of any graduates from high school or college, please let us know, be sure to include what school and degree. There is a sign-up sheet located on the back table of the sanctuary.