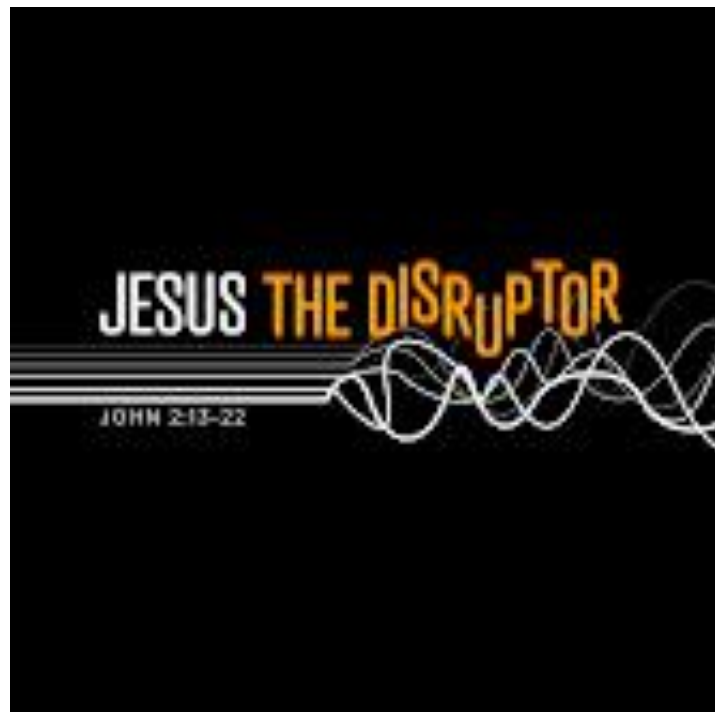


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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

May 26, 2024 – Trinity Sunday

† Those who are able, please stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are in memory of John J. Jr., and Alice Kralik from their children, Tina and Jack.

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

Great Is The Lord

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy
Chime Choir

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

† CALLING ON GOD

Rose Crowley

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

ALL: Glory to God forever. Amen.

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit. The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day. May we receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.

† HYMN

Blessed Assurance
NCH473 vs 1, 2, 3

† OPENING PRAYER

Rose Crowley

Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we may have life, and have it

abundantly, with you, in Christ.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NRSV
Rose Crowley

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

THE SECOND READING

John 2:13-22, NRSV
Rev. Julia DiFiore

MUSICAL MEDITATION

This Is My Father's World
Chime Choir

SERMON

"Jesus Disruptor"
Rev. Julia DiFiore

†HYMN

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation
NCH400 vs, 1, 2, 3

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

Be Now My Vision

† 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

Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ's name. Amen.

† HYMN

How Great Thou Art
WR51 vs 1 & 4

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

The Lord Of The Dance



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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, Don Rice

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Dave Scheel, Nikki Perry

READER: Rose Crowley POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

6/2/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

COMMUNION: Kathy Rood

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

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

READER: Jacie Sanders POWER POINT: Nikki Perry

READER: 6/9/24 – Elsa Pennewell

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 presents Pastor Julia DiFiore. A congregational meeting will immediately follow today's worship to vote for acceptance of the Search Committee's nominee 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.

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.