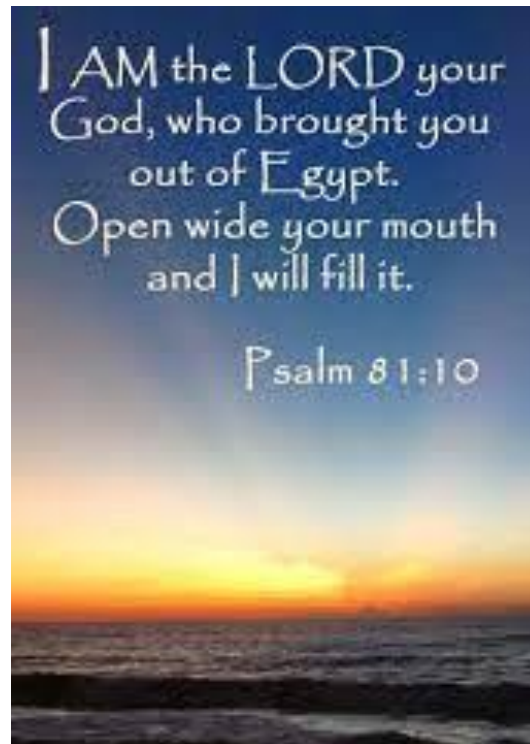


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF ST. CLAIR



# 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**

June 2, 2024 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

† Those who are able, please stand.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers donated by Lezlynn Moore are in memory of her husband, Fred S. Moore, and to celebrate the June birthday of their grandson, Bogen Richards.

### **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**

Shine Jesus, Shine

### **PRELUDE**

You Servants Of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Announcements are in the back of this bulletin.)

### **† CALLING ON GOD**

Elsa Pennewell

Sisters and brothers, we gather to listen for the voice of God!

**Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks.**

Let us worship God, who is rich in mercy and challenge and grace.

**who makes us alive when we are wounded and hurt, lonely and afraid,**

who promises courage and hope and new life out of great love for us!

**With joy and deep thanksgiving, we worship God.**

### **†HYMN**

Beautiful Jesus  
NCH44 vs 1 & 4

### **†OPENING PRAYER**

Elsa Pennewell

Sisters and brothers, we gather to listen for the voice of God! Let us pray.

Thanks to you, great God of life, for the lives you have given us.

**lives of joy and sorrow, lives of peace and racket, and calm and worry,**

lives of fear and excitement, and boldness and impatience, confidence and faith—

**thank you for life itself, and for our lives, as well. We give you our lives, asking only that you would use us well,**

with love and mercy, and patience and forgiveness, that we would know and see the fullness of your reign not only in us but wherever we look,

**not just today but always, in the name of Jesus, your Christ, who taught us this prayer and told us to pray it together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

[English Language Liturgical Consultation, 1988]

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 81:1-10, TEV  
Elsa Pennewell

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Here I Am, Lord

**THE SECOND READING**

Mark 3:1-6, Ruden  
Dr. Guerreno

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

This Is My Father's World

**SERMON**

"Right And Wrong And Miracles"  
Dr. Guerreno

**†HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
NCH43 vs, 1, 2, 4

**JOYS, CONCERNS, AND INVITATION TO PRAY**

**OFFERTORY**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

## † OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your gifts do surround us, Holy God. Your care, your compassion, your generosity: blessing is everywhere we look. Too often we don't see it. In giving our eyes are opened. In giving we see. In giving we notice. In giving we are aware. Blessing comes from giving and giving comes from blessing. Here we are, then, Holy God, giving again. Teach us to see. Help us to be aware. Open our eyes, that giving and blessing would surround us, no matter what, in the name and spirit of your Son. Amen.

## COMMUNION

Invitation

Sharing The Story

Blessing The Elements

The Meal Is Served

Thanksgiving After The Meal

## † HYMN

Now Is The Time Approaching  
NCH609 All

## † BENEDICTION

## † POSTLUDE

We Are Marching In The Light Of God



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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 Fandrlick, 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: Dave Scheel

COMMUNION: Kathy Rood

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Don Rice

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

READER: Elsa Pennewell POWER POINT: Nikki Perry

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON**

"How To Get Where You Want To Go"

Psalm 138, CEV 2 Corinthians 4:13-5.1, CEV

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## **6/9/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Karen Galvin POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

READER: 6/16/24 – 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](mailto:stclairinterim@gmail.com) and (989) 980-0061.

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

After a unanimous vote, Pastor Julia DiFiore accepted our call as our new pastor. We are beyond thrilled and excited to have Pastor Julia, beginning August 7.

### **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: 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](mailto: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.