

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 9, 2024 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

† 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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRELUDE

Day By Day

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

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Cooper Pennewell - St. Clair High School
Grandson of Tom and Elsa Pennewell
Cooper will be attending Michigan State University

Ash Currie - St. Clair High School
Parents, Bryan and Deana Currie
Ash will be attending Macomb Community College

Adam Currie - St. Clair High School
Parents, Bryan and Deana Currie
Adam will finish middle college at St. Clair Community College
and transfer to Michigan State University

Isabella Hazel - Grand Valley State University
Parents, Jeff and Kim Hazel
with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
Majored in Spanish and Applied Linguistics

† CALLING ON GOD

Elsa Pennewell

Easter has come and gone, but the Creator's love remains.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Easter has come and gone, but the Creator's world is made new and fresh.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Because creation itself speaks to us of a God beyond imagining,

and because heaven and earth tell the glory of God,

and because we worship One who is and was and will be,

we speak and sing God's praise, in the name of God's crucified and risen Christ!

† HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

NCH305 vs 1 & 4

† OPENING PRAYER

Elsa Pennewell

To know what God would have is the meaning of faithfulness.

To know what God would have is the purpose of prayer.

Let us pray.

Meaning and purpose, Mighty God, come to us as creation is made new again. This world, yours and ours, greets us daily with life and growth, charming and delighting us, speaking to heart and mind of your intention for everything alive. Be here now, we pray. Touch us with hope if we will let you. Touch us with dreams and visions if we will allow it. You have our attention. We pray you, help us to hold it where it belongs, that we might become what you would have us be. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

THE CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 138, CEV

Elsa Pennewell

MUSICAL MEDITATION

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, CEV

Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

**“How To Get Where You Want To Go”
Dr. Guerreno**

†HYMN

**Crown With Your Richest Crown
NCH301 vs 1, 4, 5**

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen To The Children

Choir

† 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

**We do praise you now, Holy One, Father / Mother, Son and Holy Spirit;
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. We praise you, Three In One,
because you have come to us as a gift, because you are giving and
because your very nature is to give and that nature is also in us. We are
made in your image, and so we give, as well. These gifts are for you to
use through this church, the body of your Christ. These gifts are yours.
Use them and use us as you see fit, in his name. Amen.**

†HYMN

**Jesus Shall Reign
NCH300 vs 1, 3, 5**

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

A Parting Blessing



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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: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin

READER: Elsa Pennewell POWER POINT: Kathy Cilluffo

COFFEE HOUR: Penny Malcolm

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

"How To Get Where You Want To Go"

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

6/16/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Paul Lydy, Tom Pennewell

READER: Nikki Perry POWERPOINT: Ash Currie

READER: 6/23/24 – Jody Skonieczny

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

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.

In the month of June
We want to shout!
We have summer sun
And school is out!

More meals at home.
More mouths to feed.
Share what you can
Because there is a need.

June pantry needs

Cereal
Canned Chicken
Potato Pouches
Boxed Summer Salad
Summer/Picnic Side Dishes or Condiments

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

For 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. 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>.