

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



*You made us a little lower
than you yourself,
and you have crowned us
with glory and honor.*

Psalm 8:5 CEV

**“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 23, 2024 – Fifth 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

Jesus Shall Reign

PRELUDE

Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me

† **CALLING ON GOD**

Karen Galvin

Adapted from Psalm 145, NRSV

The LORD, our God, is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

The LORD is good to all. His compassion is over all he has made.

All God's works give thanks, and all God's people are blessed!

The LORD is good to all.

Let all creation speak of God's glory and tell of God's power.

The dominion of God is everlasting, and endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

† **HYMN**

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
NCH12 All

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Karen Galvin

Truly, God is present here. In the name of Jesus, God's Christ and led by God's Holy spirit we gather for worship. Let us pray.

Because you are holiness, O God, and because our lives are touched by your holiness, hear us now as together we pray in thanks and adoration. And when we act in such a way that thanksgiving cannot come, when our adoration holds weakness, shortcoming and small value, forgive us. As only you can, lift us up and make us strong again.

Let your holiness transform what is not holy in us, that our lives would shine with peace and wholeness and health. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 8, CEV
Karen Galvin

MUSICAL MEDITATION

For The Beauty Of The Earth

THE SECOND READING

Job 1:1, 2:1-10, TEV
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

“When Life Goes Very Wrong: The Book of Job”
Dr. Guerreno

†HYMN

Like A Tree Beside The Waters
NCH313 All
Tune: Hyfrydol NCH355

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

Blessed Assurance

† 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

Mighty God, our lives are complicated. Our lives are complex. Sometimes our lives are great burdens. Other times they are simple and wonderful, easy and fun. These are our gifts, given from that complicated and simple, complex and wonderful living we do. Use them. Use us. Bring about what you would have for your creation through your children, that you would be happy, that you would be pleased and we would be fulfilled. We pray in the name and spirit of your Son. Amen.

†HYMN

God Of Grace, And God Of Glory
NCH436 All

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord



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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, Don Rice

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

READER: Karen Galvin **POWERPOINT:** Ash Currie

COFFEE HOUR: Don & Nancy Rice

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

“Something There Is That Doesn't Love A Wall”
Psalm 19:7-14, NRSV Mark 9:38-50, Ruden

6/30/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Dave Scheel
SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Kathy Cilluffo
MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Randy Kling, Bob Rood
READER: Nancy Rice POWERPOINT: Jacie Sanders

READER 7/7/24 – Pat O'Connor

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. No Sunday school during the summer months.

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>.