

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ST. CLAIR



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
Psalm 19:7

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**“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 30, 2024 – Sixth 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

I Will Call Upon The Lord

PRELUDE

Day By Day

† CALLING ON GOD

Nancy Rice

This is the word of God, according to the prophet Joel: It shall come to pass that I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams.

People of God, we have been baptized into one Spirit and one body through Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
NCH276 vs 1 & 4

†OPENING PRAYER

Nancy Rice

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth.

Let us pray.

We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now longing to know the touch of your spirit, that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us, that we may recognize you and sing your praise, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 19:7-14, NRSV
Nancy Rice

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Be Still, For The Spirit Of The Lord

THE SECOND READING

Mark 9:38-50, Ruden
Dr. Guerreno

SERMON

“Something There Is That Doesn’t Love A Wall”
Dr. Guerreno

†HYMN

Called As Partners In Christ’s Service
NCH495 All

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

Change My Heart, O God

† 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

You are love, Holy God. Jesus tells us that and our lives tell us that. You are perfect love. You are infinite love. You are love beyond description. Jesus says so. Our lives say so. So here are these gifts. We thank you for loving us. We thank you for encouraging us to love each other. We wonder why it's so hard. Help us, Holy One, to love each other as best we can, knowing that in the giving of these gifts we make a commitment to do just that, in the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN

Sing a New Church
W&R577 All
Refrain after verses 1 & 5

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

How Can I Keep From Singing



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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, Kathy Cilluffo

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Randy Kling, Bob Rood

READER: Nancy Rice POWERPOINT: Jacie Sanders

COFFEE HOUR: Jim & Cathy Light

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON

"Patriotism And Christianity"

Psalms 85:8-13, NRSV Amos 5:18-24, NKJV

7/7/24 - NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY STEWARD: Tom Pennewell

COMMUNION: Laurel Lydy

SOUND AND LIVESTREAM: Tim Galvin, Jacie Sanders

MUSIC: Denise Gregg USHERS: Dave Scheel, Nikki Perry

READER: Pat O'Connor POWERPOINT: Kathy Cilluffo

READER 7/14/24 – Rose Crowley

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).

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed for the Independence holiday on July 4 and 5. The office will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, July 9.

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:

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