

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Salt & Light**



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Welcome to our church family!

You are invited to join us today for refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you are a guest, please feel free to use the welcome cards available in the pew and place in the offering plate.

(indicates that all who would like and are able are invited to stand. **Bolded** text is to be read by the entire congregation. Traditional unison prayers are in italics and are also read in unison.)*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome, Announcements, and Signing of the Fellowship Pads
Ringing of the Steeple Bell and the Lighting of the Candles

PRELUDE

INTROIT Choral Introit

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Do not serve your own interests, but choose the way of God:

All: Loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free!

One: Share your bread with the hungry, house the homeless poor,

All: Clothe the naked, and remember that all people are our family.

One: If you offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

All: Your light shall rise in the darkness.

One: God will satisfy your needs like a spring whose waters never fail,

**All: You shall be called repairers of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live on.**

One: Come, worship God, who restores us and gives us a new name;

All: Worship God, who calls us children, and kin to one another.

* GATHERING HYMN # 644. God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Divine Creative, You have woven the universe in a symphony of particles, atoms, and molecules, fashioning life on our beautiful planet. You have woven into the tapestry the threads of justice, mercy, and peace, the braids of love, faith, and hope. Help us to repair the damage we have caused to this wondrous earth, to restore what has been broken in our humanity. Guide us to create as You create in us, to build up rather than destroy. Teach us to reach and bridge where there are divides, to make something new out of what is old and unrepairable.

Creator of us all, create in us a new appreciation for what You are continuing to make, and help us to let go of what needs to be unmade by our hands. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory

* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 59:1-12	Page 1154
1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Page 1773
Matthew 5:13-20	Page 1501

THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** # 391. Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Epiphany Prayer—The Work of Christmas - See Insert

Prayer of our Savior

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** # 462. Renew Your Church

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— USAF photo by Alan Boedeker <https://www.jbsa.mil/News/Photos/igphoto/2000520723/>
- Call to worship: from Isaiah 58:3, 7, 10-12 by Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell <http://rev-o-lution.org/>
- Prayer of the Day—Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

The Work of Christmas

A Call For Prayer & Fasting For Peace During Epiphany

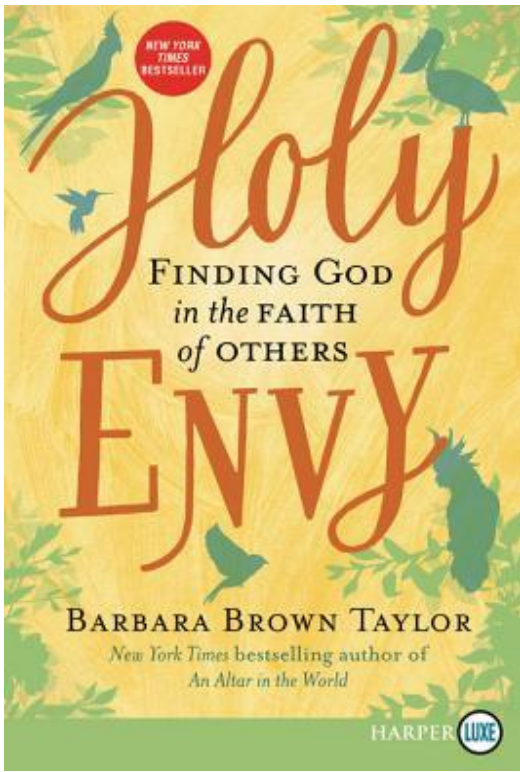
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.
-Howard Thurman

Church Leadership Orientation

February 22, 10-2. Lunch included

All elected officials and members of boards and committees are invited to come to a half day retreat at the church for leadership orientation. This orientation will cover practical skills (how do I get something in the bulletin, advertise on social media, etc.) as well as a deeper exploration of how to work together for the mission and vision of the church. We will also stream the program via zoom video conferencing for anyone who wishes to attend but is not in the area. Materials from the orientation will also be given to all chairs to distribute to their teams.

Please notify Bill Trubilowicz or the church office if you plan to attend in person, or remotely. Instructions for video conferencing will be sent out closer to the presentation date.



Beat the Winter Blues Book Read

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others
by Barbara Brown Taylor

Copies have been ordered for everyone who signed up and requested one. Please check your name off the list in the Fellowship Hall once you pick up your book.

We will meet Wednesday evenings from

6:30pm-8:00pm

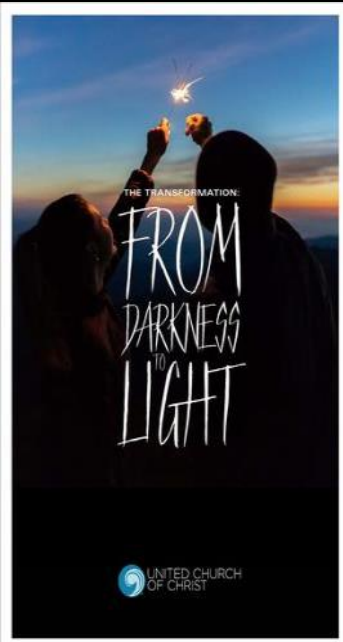
If you are interested in joining us, contact Pastor Greg Briggs.

Lenten Theme- *Blind Spots*


For Lent this year, we will focus on the flipside of trying to see God's epiphanies—our own blind spots. One way we will do this is by using a Lenten devotional written by youth and young adults, two populations that are under-represented in the church.

The Transformation: From Darkness to Light is a 46 day devotional to walk you through Lent. All entries were written by UCC youth and young adults between the ages of 12 and their mid-30s. A donation of \$10 will cover the costs.

If you would like a copy of this Lenten devotional, please see the sign up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall.



This Week's Schedule

Sunday 02/09	Mon 02/10	Tues. 02/11	Wed. 02/12	Thurs. 02/13	Fri. 02/14	Sat. 02/15	Sunday 02/16
<p>9:00 am First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p>6:00pm Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Search Committee</p>	<p>6:30pm Beat the Winter Blues Book Study</p>	<p>5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Choir Practice</p>	<p>Valentine's Day</p> 		<p>9:00 am First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>12:15pm Outreach</p> <p>12:30pm Diaconate</p>
<p><i>And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. -1 Corinthians 13:13</i></p>							

We need you! Don't forget to sign up to serve on the bulletin board just outside the church office. We need volunteers in all areas!



THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Gifts of Serving

FEBRUARY 9TH

FEBRUARY 16TH

GREETERS/USHER:

John & Ellen Hess

Dave & Joan Robinson

COFFEE HOUR:

Vince & Mary Ann Chew

John & Ellen Hess

LAY READER:

Could be you!

Julia Heddle

Altar Flowers:

Vince & Mary Ann Chew

Bulletin Sponsorship:

Vince & Mary Ann Chew

If you love color bulletins, sign up to be a sponsor! \$10 for b/w & \$30 for color!

Praise and Prayer Request List

<p>Healing</p> <p>Diagnosed with Cancer</p>	<p>Nikki Kurchinski Rev. Ginny Titus Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen</p>	<p>Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.) Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Brody Roberts</p>
<p>Healing</p>	<p>Jane Piccard Marilyn Knapp (Lani Ochs) Delores Cain Jesse Wilcox Rev. Leroy Sutfin Donna Waters Betsy Teeuwissen Anne Banfield Verna Truman</p>	<p>Robin Messing Caitlyn Cruzak (John Young) John McKown Judy Willey Aurora Sargent Brook Bixby (Gay Kiteley) Connie Doan (Chris Gengle) Chris Kenney (Betty Renton) John Peterman Amy Meyer (Alice P.M.)</p>
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>Birth of Bre'lin Carpenter First Responders Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders</p>	<p>Victims of Natural Disasters Those living with Mental Illness Roger & Donna Waters Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland)</p>
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>U.C.C. Church of the Month</p>	<p>First Congregational UCC—Harrison, MI</p>
<p>Grieving</p>	<p>Family of Louis Heyward Family of Madison Wegener Family of Naomi Kruse Family of Jerry Corley</p>	<p>Family of Dennis Morgridge Family of Elaine Drury Family of Linda Adkin Family of LaRue Kenney</p>
<p>Military</p>	<p>Nate Powell Joshua Wojan Wesley Moulden</p>	<p>SFC Alex Weller SGT Adam Soldan Captain David Knowles Jr. EMN3 Cary Tompkins</p>

Please be sure to sign any Care Letters in the vestibule outside the Sanctuary. This is a tangible way to share our care, concern, and love with those who could use it.

**Worship Attendance February 2 First Light Service: 04 Sanctuary Service: 44
 Bible Study, February 4 – 08**

