

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Restoring Beauty**



***Every member is a minister in the community***

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**Office Hours 9 a.m.— 3:30 p. m. Mon—Thurs**

## 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 from Proverbs 8:1-4, 33-35

One: Does not Wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

**All: On the heights, at the crossroads she takes her stand.**

One: Beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance she cries out.

**All: To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.**

One: Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.

**All: Happy is the one who listens to Wisdom, watching and waiting daily.**

One: For whoever finds Wisdom finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord.

**All: Come, worship God, seek Wisdom, and follow Jesus our Lord.**

#### \* GATHERING HYMN # 685. What Gift Can We Bring

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Compassion and Mercy, the world is broken.**

**You created a garden and we have decimated the earth.**

**You created us to be in community and we have built walls and caged children.**

**You created us to be whole people and we have hurt one another through our words and actions, but most of all through our silence.**

**God, heal us. Help us to mend one another by speaking truth to power and rising up against injustice. Guide us to Your initial intention: to care for the earth, to care for its creatures, to care for each other with mutual respect and love.**

**Help us to live whole lives, where we live into the commandments and judge ourselves, rather than judging others and lifting up our own piety.**

**Grant us Your mercy, and shower us with Your compassion and steadfast love, so that we might find healing in You and love one another. 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**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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Matthew 5:21-37

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**THE MESSAGE**

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

\* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** # 382. "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

\***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** # 400. Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:**

- Cover Art— Elements of Peace, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56584> [retrieved February 11, 2020].
- Call to worship & 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

**This Saturday- February 22, 10:00am - 2:00pm.**

**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.

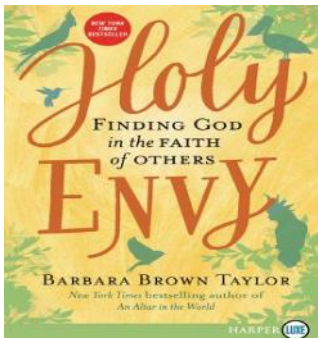
Please notify Bill Trubilowicz or the church office if you plan to attend in person, or remotely. Instructions for video conferencing will be sent out closer to the presentation date.



**Northern Michigan Brass Band Concert**  
**Sunday, March 1st- 3:00pm**  
First Congregational Church, Charlevoix

**-\$10.00 General Admission-**  
*Students Admitted Free*

Tickets available at the door and online at [MyNorthTickets.com](http://MyNorthTickets.com)  
[www.northernmichiganbrassband.org](http://www.northernmichiganbrassband.org)



**Beat the Winter Blues Book Read**

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

**We will meet Wednesday evenings from**

**6:30pm-8:00pm, First meeting will be on 02/19/2020**

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

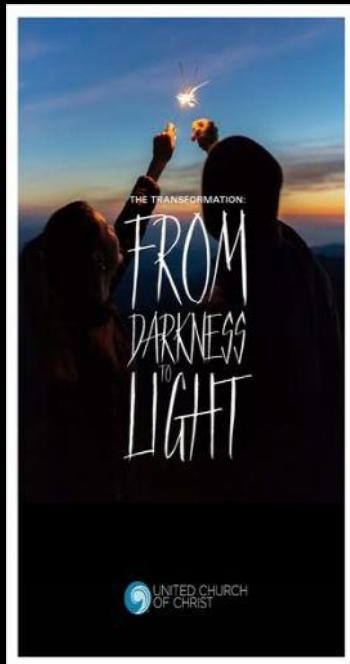
**Lenten Theme- *Blind Spots***

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.

We will be meeting on Thursdays  
5:30pm - 7:00pm- Dinner will be Served



# This Week's Schedule

Sunday 02/16	Mon 02/17	Tues. 02/18	Wed. 02/19	Thurs. 02/20	Fri. 02/21	Sat. 02/22	Sunday 02/23
<p><b>9:00 am</b> First Light Service</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship</p> <p><b>12:15pm</b> Outreach</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> Diaconate</p>	<p><b>5:15pm</b> Trustee Meeting</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> Safe Church Working Group</p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Baby Diaper Pantry &amp; Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study</p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> Search Committee</p>	<p><b>6:30pm</b> Beat the Winter Blues Book Read</p>	<p><b>5:30pm</b> Weight Watchers Meeting</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Church Choir Practice</p>		<p><b>9:30am</b> Jongleurs Recorder Rehearsal</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Church Leadership Orientation</p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> First Light Service</p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Noisy Offering</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Sunday of Epiphany</p>

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

## THIS WEEK

## NEXT WEEK

**FEBRUARY 16TH**

**FEBRUARY 23RD**

### *Gifts of Serving*

<b>GREETERS/USHER:</b>	Dave & Joan Robinson	Julia Heddle, Lois Lewis, Sharon Snyder
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	John & Ellen Hess	Greta Gappy & Ingrid Nedwick
<b>LAY READER:</b>	Julia Heddle	Hugh Hansen
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Bulletin Sponsorship:</b>	John & Ellen Hess	John & Ellen Hess

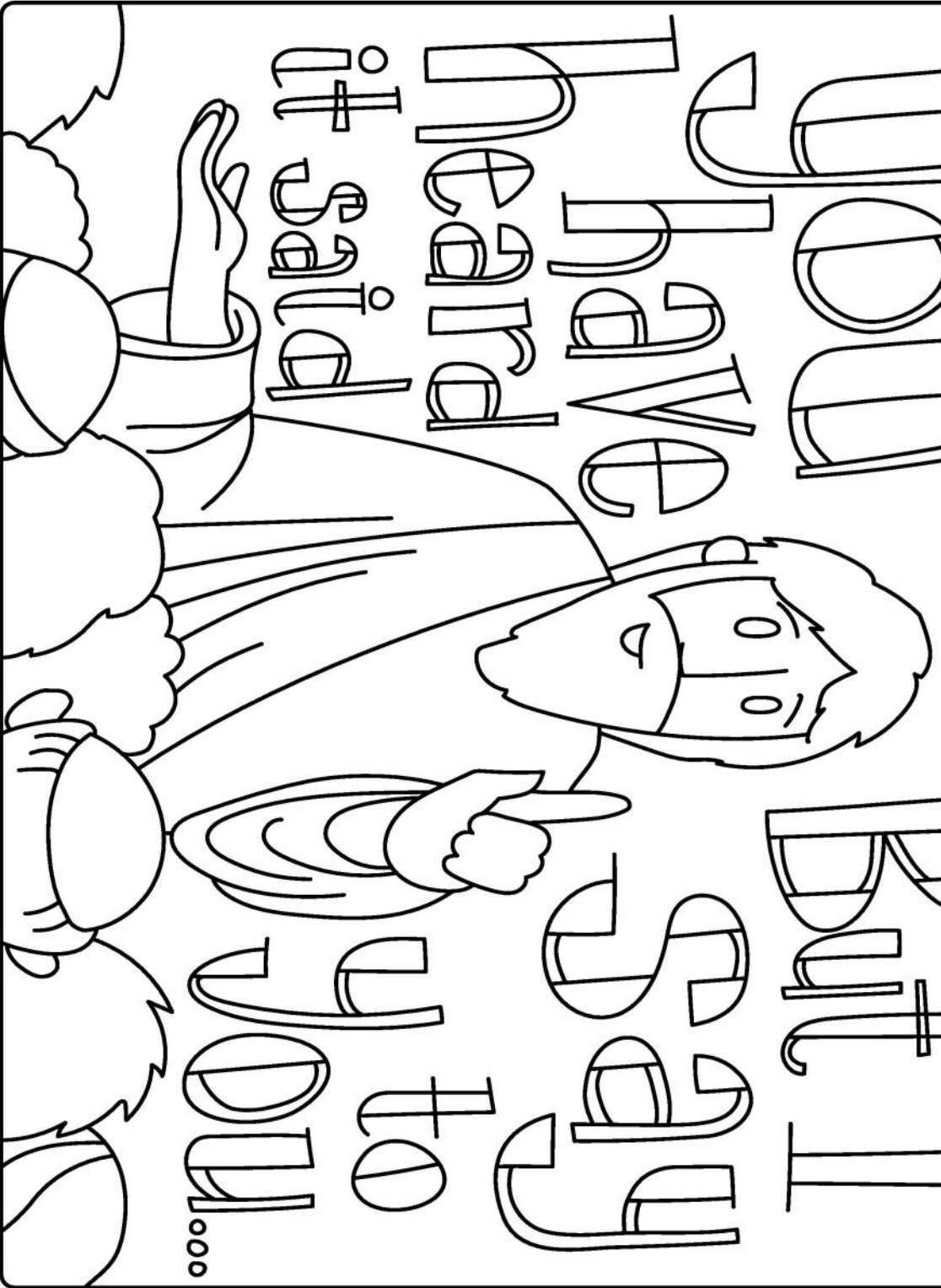
# Praise and Prayer Request List

<p><b>Healing</b>  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><b>Healing</b></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><b>Prayer</b></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 &amp; Donna Waters Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland)</p>
<p><b>Prayer</b></p>	<p>U.C.C. Church of the Month</p>	<p>First Congregational UCC—Harrison, MI</p>
<p><b>Grieving</b></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><b>Military</b></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 9 First Light Service: 04 Sanctuary Service: 46  
Bible Study, February 11– 09**

YOU  
HAVE  
HEARD  
IT SAID



BUT I  
SAID  
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