

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent**



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

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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: God made the earth and all its creatures,

**All: God brought forth life from dust and water.**

One: God made the whole universe: stars and planets, galaxies far away,

**All: And God made us in the divine image.**

One: We are such a small part of creation, and yet, God loves us.

**All: God has given us the responsibility of caring for the world.**

One: God has filled us with knowledge, wisdom, and insight,

**All: May we use the gifts of God for God's work in our world.**

### \* GATHERING HYMN # 591. Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of Hope, fill us now. We need love, and we need peace, and we need mercy, but most of all, we need hope. We need hope to take one more step, to sing one more note, to listen to one more word. We need hope that guides our faith forward. We need hope that all that has come before us has not been in vain. Restore our hope, O God, in one another. Restore our hope, O God, that this, too, will come to pass. May we become living hope to those in need around us. You are the source of our strength and our being, and in You, we know that You will see us through. Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE PSALM — PSALM 95 (see insert)

### WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory

## \* Lenten Doxology

*Praise God throughout these forty days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

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The word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

## \* HYMN OF REFLECTION # 364. Woman in the Night

## GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Lenten Prayer — Church's Covenant

**We are banded together as a Christian church to maintain the worship of God, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to develop in persons a consciousness of their relations and duties to God and their fellow human beings, and to inspire them with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express His spirit in our individual and corporate lives; to live together as fellow Christians, and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, its purity, its peace, and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

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 # 432. As Water to the Thirsty

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* CHORAL RESPONSE

## Abuse Prevention Working Group

The United Church of Christ recommends that every church have an Abuse Prevention policy. The Church Council voted at their January meeting to form a working group to help this church develop its policy. This group will be meeting regularly for the next couple of months educating itself, and preparing to engage the church in discussions in April. The hope is to have a policy to present to Church Council by the end of May, then hold a congregational meeting shortly thereafter.

The Working Group is co-chaired by Ron Moore and Interim Pastor Greg Briggs, Members: Anna Young, Ellen Hess, Julia Heddle, and Scott Beatty.

You can learn more at: [https://www.ucc.org/abuse\\_prevention\\_resources](https://www.ucc.org/abuse_prevention_resources). The Working group is following "The TIME IS NOW!" guide. You can also talk to any of the Working group members.

## Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

*Sunday Series: Brass Quintet & DrumHeads*

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. ~Free Concert~

First Congregational Church, Charlevoix

### WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— Miller, Austin D.. Christ and the Samaritan Woman, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54772>
- Call to worship & Prayer of the Day—Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell — <http://rev-o-lution.org>
- Prayer of the Day—Mindi Welton Mitchell—<http://rev-o-lution.org>
- Responsive Psalm—New Century Hymnal
- Call to Worship & Communion Liturgy—Thom Shuman—<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

## Walking the Labyrinth

During Lent, a labyrinth has been set up in the Fellowship Hall. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. The labyrinth will be available whenever the Church is open, and it is open to the community as well.



**It is free to use, but we are asking for a food item donation for the Charlevoix Food Pantry and the Rayder Den. There will be instructions on how to use the labyrinth, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**March 22, 2020**

# Invest in futures

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing


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For we are co-workers in God's service;  
you are God's field, God's building  
1 Corinthians 3:9

  
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## This Week's Schedule

Sunday 03/15	Mon 03/16	Tues. 03/17	Wed. 03/18	Thurs. 03/19	Fri. 03/20	Sat. 03/21	Sunday 03/22
<b>9:00am</b> First Light Service  <b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship	<b>5:15pm</b> Trustee Meetings  <b>5:45pm</b> Abuse Prevention  <b>6:00pm</b> Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry	<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>6:30pm</b> Pastor Parish Relations Meeting  Happy St. Patrick's Day  	<b>6:30pm</b> Holy Envy: Book Group  <b>6:30pm</b> Diaconate Meeting	<b>5:30pm</b> Weight Watchers Meeting  <b>5:30pm</b> Lenten- Study & Dinner  <b>7:00 pm</b> Church Choir Practice	<b>7:00pm</b> GLCO Rehearsal	<b>9:30am</b> Jongleurs Recorder Rehearsal	<b>9:00 am</b> First Light Service  <b>10:30 am</b> Sanctuary Worship  <b>4:00pm</b> GLCO Concert  One Great Hour of Sharing

<i>Gifts of Serving</i>	THIS WEEK MARCH 15TH	NEXT WEEK MARCH 22TH
GREETERS/USHER:	Greg & Meg Kitson	Sue Fowler & Lucy Witthoeft
COFFEE HOUR:	Archie Wyatt & Jan Anderson	_____
LAY READER:	Archie Wyatt	Julie Heddle
Altar Flowers:	_____	Carolyn Klender
Bulletin Sponsorship:	Chris Gengle In Memory of Donna Hamilton	<b>Could be you!</b>

# Praise and Prayer Request List

<p><b>Healing</b></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><b>Healing</b></p>	<p><b>Those with coronavirus</b>                  Roland Garvin (Sara Smith)                  Jane Piccard                  Marilyn Knapp (Lani Ochs)                  Delores Cain                  Jesse Wilcox                  Rev. Leroy Sutfin                  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>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>Ironton Congregational UCC- Charlevoix</p>
<p><b>Grieving</b></p>	<p><b>Family of Lewis Dumbauld</b>                  Family of Louis Heyward</p>	<p>Family of Naomi Kruse                  Family of Jerry Corley</p>
<p><b>Military</b></p>	<p>Nate Powell                  Joshua Wojan                  Wesley Moulden                  SFC Alex Weller</p>	<p>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.

