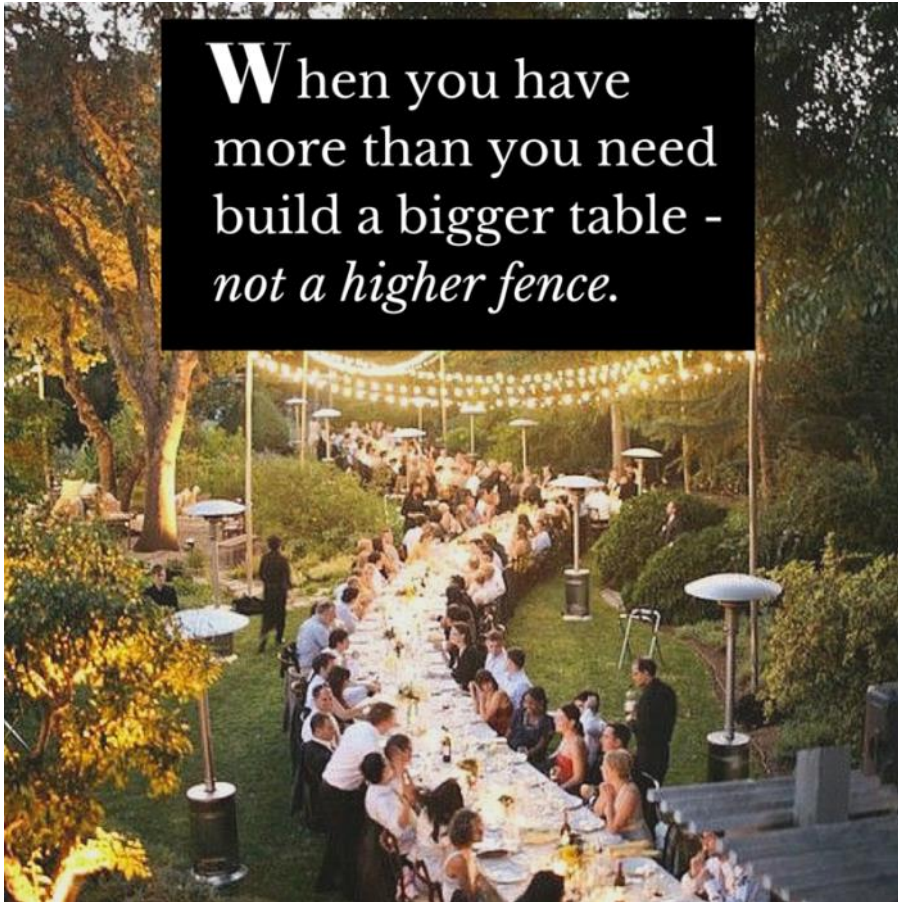


**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



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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
Ring of the Steeple Bell and the Lighting of the Candles

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Morning Has Broken" Arr. Bulla

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You have been raised with Christ;

All: May we seek the way of God, and not worldly measures of success.

One: Set your minds on things that are above,

All: For wealth and notoriety will fade and pass away.

One: Put to death the worldly ways in your life: greed, envy, idolatry.

All: For Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

One: Enter this time of worship for rest and renewal;

All: In Christ, we are remade in the image of our Creator, for we worship God, to whom we all belong.

* GATHERING HYMN #572. God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

* THE MORNING PRAYER

To the Only Wise God our Savior, lead us in the ways of Wisdom. May we keep the commandments close to our heart. May the cries of the prophets, the whispers of the sages, the teachings of the elders of long ago be renewed in us. May we seek the deeper way of insight, to intentionally love one another and seek justice. May this become our way of life, and not something we only pay lip service to. For all things we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the one who lived into the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and calls us by name. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “Sinfonia in D Major” Torelli

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye Heavenly hosts. Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Vocalise” Pedrel

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:17-32

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Luke 11:1-13

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THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** #502. Be Thou My Vision

* **GOD’S PEOPLE IN PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Christ’s Table - *All are welcome, no exceptions*

Prayer of Reconciliation

Holy One, we confess that our trust is often misguided; placed in institutions and worldly leaders rather than in You. We put our trust in the stock market, the quarterly projections, the poll numbers. We look to the signs for wealth and prosperity instead of the signs of Your work around us, often on the margins, among those with the most need. We search for assurance among those who say what we want to hear, rather than listening to the cries for justice that make us uncomfortable. Forgive us for placing our trust in the world we created, rather than in You, the Creator of heaven and earth. Call us to repent, to turn back to You. Open our hearts to discern Your voice, and to place our trust in You, our Maker, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God’s forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

May God also be with you.

People of God, open up your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

People of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks to the One who offers us lives filled with grace.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Today, communion will be served in the pews. Please pass the tray to the person next to you, and then allow them to hold the plate and serve you communion.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayer of our Savior

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!

Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

*Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.*

*Help us not forget our Source,
yet free us from not being in the Present.*

From you arises every Vision,

Power and Song from gathering to gathering.

Amen! May our future actions grow from here!

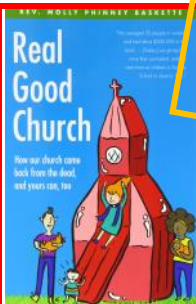
* **HYMN OF PARTING #600.** In Christ There Is No East or West

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— *Build a Bigger Table*. Quote by Anonymous, image widely posted on social media, original unknown.
- Call to worship, Morning Prayer, Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance — Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell <http://rev-olution.org>
- Prayer of Our Savior—"O Breathing Life" written by Mark Berry, and posted on Jonny Baker's blog. http://jonnybaker.blogspot.com/jonnybaker/2005/12/the_lords_praye.html Beloved—Lord's Prayer Paraphrase—



DISCUSSION IS EXTENDED BECAUSE OF GREAT CONVERSATION AND IDEAS!

One Church, One Book Summer Discussion

Real Good Church

Wednesday Mornings—Meet in church fellowship hall from 9 to 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate! Help plan the future direction of the church!

Final Discussion, August 7th: Real Good Worship, Leadership, Church Conflict, and Epic Failures

BAYVIEW YOUNG ARTIST SERIES

In continuing fellowship with Bayview Music Festival today we welcome Bonni Beebe and Sarah Amos. Please extend your warmest regards to Sarah and Bonni.



"Kalamazoo native Bonni Lee Beebe is currently based in the Baltimore-Washington area, where alongside freelance work she is the trumpet instructor at DeMatha Catholic High School. She is a member of the contemporary music group Great Noise Ensemble, performs with The Cathedral Brass of Vienna, VA, and is herald trumpet director at the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Bonni has returned for her third summer of the Spectrum Brass Seminar at the Bay View Music Festival, and is a graduate of Western Michigan University (BM '14) and the University of Maryland (MM '16)."



Sarah Amos, pianist, is a graduate of the University of Missouri having recently completed Master's Degrees in Collaborative Piano (2018) and Musicology (2019). A Michigan native, she holds a Bachelors of Music in Keyboard Performance from Western Michigan University (2016) where she studied piano under Lori Sims and Silvia Roederer and organ under Karl Schrock. After this summer, Sarah is moving to San Diego where she will spend a year freelancing before pursuing a PhD in Musicology.

Today's special music is sponsored by Bill & Betty Wadland. Thank you!

Worship Attendance July 28~ First Light Service: 10 Sanctuary Service: 66
Bible Study, July 23—15



BAY VIEW CHAMBER BRASS

Friday, August 9th

8:00PM

First Presbyterian Church
Harbor Springs, MI

Sunday, August 11th

3:00PM

First Congregational Church
Charlevoix, MI

Featuring music by:

Sergei Prokofiev,

Pavel Chesnokov,

Anatol Liadov,

Sergei Rachmaninoff,

& Dmitri Shostakovich

RUSSIAN BRASS

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 08/04	Mon 08/05	Tues. 08/06	Wed. 08/07	Thurs. 08/08	Fri. 08/09	Sat. 08/10	Sunday 08/11
9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship	6:00 p.m. Baby Diaper Pantry & personal Care	10 a.m. Bible Study American House	9:00 a.m. Real Good Church Discussion 10:00 a.m. Gardening	10:30a.m. Diaper Pantry 7:00p.m. Choir practice			9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Bayview Brass Russian Brass

Gifts of Serving

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

GREETERS/USHER:

Bruce & Joyce Herbert

Julia Heddle & Mary Ann Chew

COFFEE HOUR:

Phil & Ginny Schairbaum
David & Sara Smith

Bill & Betty Wadland

LAY READER:

Alice Pletz-Miller

Altar Flowers:

Jan Grupp

Bulletin Sponsorship:

John & Sue Dixon

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PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Healing Diagnosed with Cancer	Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.)	Rev. Ginny Titus Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Elaine Drury (MaryAnn Chew) Evan Rowland (K. Weber) Brody Roberts Amber Theriault (Lani Ochs) Don Wadland
Healing	Ellen Kendall Robin Messing Carol Mackenzie Caitlyn Cruzak (John Young) John McKown Tyler Steffey Heather Seaman (Alice P.M.) Caroline Whitson –Toddler (Alice P.M.)	Jerry Corley Judy Willey Aurora Sargent Brook Bixby (Gay Kiteley) Sue Black (Alice Pletz-Miller friend) Connie Doan (Chris Gengle) Chris Kenney (Betty Renton) John Peterman Amy Meyer (Alice P.M.)
Prayer	For our congregation Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders	Victims of Natural Disasters Those living with Mental Illness Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland) Angela White (Weber's) Jarrett Frye Sharon Himebaugh
Prayer	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Onekama Pastor Bill Morris
Grieving	Family of Rev. Edwin Remaly	Family of Linda Mason Family of Chuck Jadwin
Military	Joshua Wojan Wesley Moulden SGT Ian Tompkins SFC Alex Weller	SGT Adam Soldan Captain David Knowles Jr. EMN3 Cary Tompkins (Linda Moore)

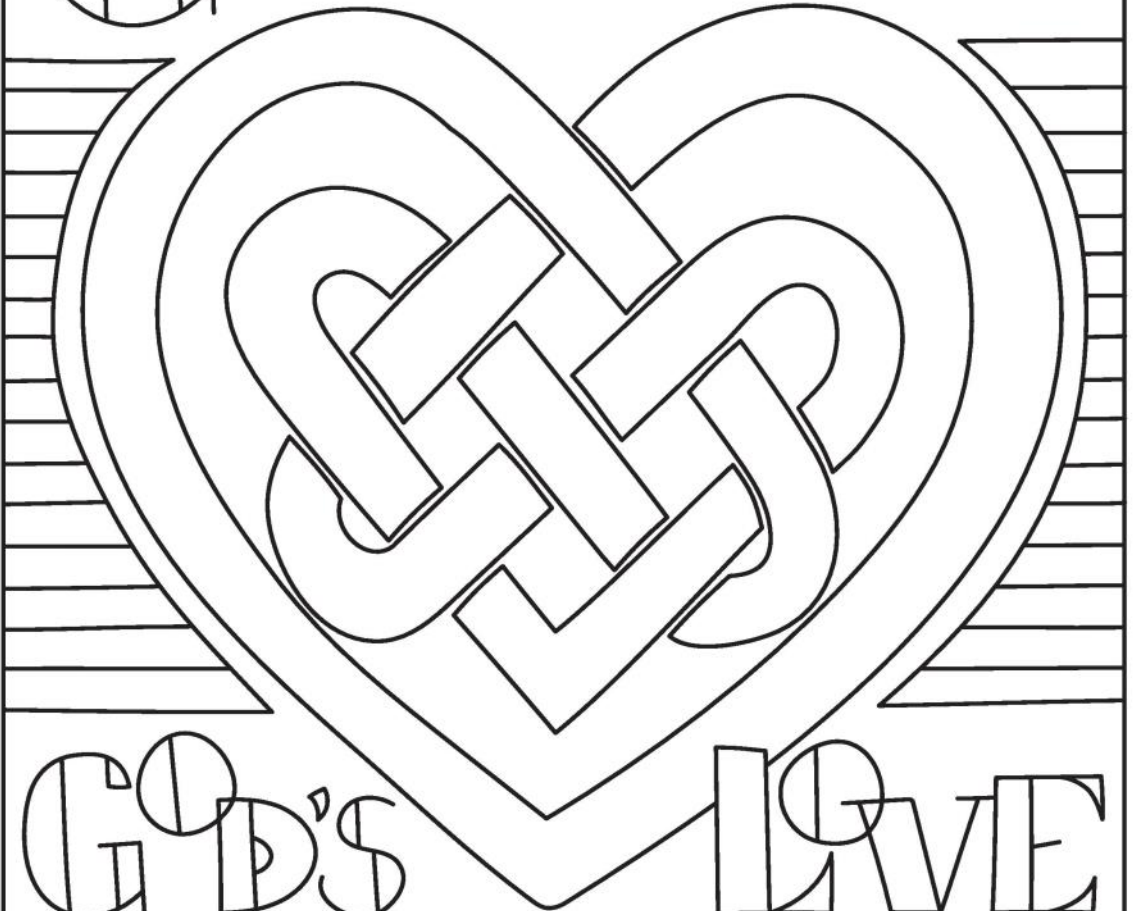
Please be sure to sign any Care Letters in the Vestibule outside the Sanctuary. This is a tangible way to share our care, concern, and love with those who could use it.

Last week, our noisy offering made \$312.00 for the Diaper Pantry, which is 1,000 diapers!

See how our individual small offerings can make a huge impact?



GOD is GOD



GOD'S LOVE
LASTS FOREVER