

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 11, 2019
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



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 “For the Beauty of the Earth”— Arr. Joel Raney

INTROIT Choral

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

All: The conviction of things not seen.

One: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

All: So that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

One: By faith our ancestors set out for a place not knowing where they were going,

All: By faith our ancestors saw only a glimpse of the promise, yet trusted God.

One: By faith, we gather to worship our God,

All: We trust in the glimpse of the promise we have received, and hope in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN #68. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* THE MORNING PRAYER

Living God,

Like leaves that turn to the sun so we turn to you,
the source of all life,

For your love to sustain us,

Your will to strengthen us,

And your wisdom to guide us.

Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”– Arr. H.. Hopson

* 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.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Page 1874, 1875

Luke 12:32-40

Page 1618

THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** #501. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* **GOD’S PEOPLE IN PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of our Savior

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** #496. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

* **BENEDICTION** Choral Response

POSTLUDE “Prelude in F Major”— R. Powell

American Spiritual Concert

Thursday, August 15
8:00PM



Join Dr. Everett McCorvey, Director of The American Spiritual Ensemble, Director of Opera at University of Kentucky, and Artistic Director of the National Chorale of New York for an intensive residency dedicated to studying this art form, performing in three outreach concerts.

FROM THE CHURCH PROFILE:

CORE COMPETENCIES FOR NEW PASTOR

Strong spiritual leadership skills that rely upon:

1. Effective listening and interpersonal skills
2. Welcoming and positive attitude
3. Empowering faith that inspires and encourages others

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— *Build a Bigger Table*. Quote by Anonymous, image widely posted on social media, original unknown.
- Call to worship, — Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell <http://rev-olution.org>
- Morning Prayer “Like leave to the sun” by Chris Polhill *like Leaves to the Sun: Prayers from the Iona Community*.
- Prayer of Our Savior— The Lord’s Prayer—New Zealand Prayer Book

“More than Spirituals” Art Songs by African-American Women

Featuring Angelique Clay, soprano and Casey Robards, Piano

**Friday, August 16
8:00PM**

First Congregational Church Charlevoix



Heralded for her “soaring lyric soprano voice,” Dr. Angelique Clay has garnered accolades for performances in the United States, Europe, and South America. Operatic roles include Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte*, Rosalinda in *Die Fledermaus*, the title role of Susannah from Floyd’s American drama, *Susannah*, and Bess in Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*. Dr. Clay’s repertoire includes Handel’s *Messiah*, Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*, Brahms’ *Requiem* and Haydn’s *Lord Nelson Mass*.

Dr. Clay has recorded and toured as a featured soloist with the American Spiritual Ensemble throughout the United States, Spain and Brazil. Dr. Clay has performed with international and regional orchestras such as the Slovak State Philharmonic, in Kosice, Slovak Republic; Sinfonia Warsovia in Poland, Cincinnati Orchestra, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, Missouri Symphony Society; Knoxville Symphony Orchestra; Lexington Philharmonic, Louisville Orchestra and Arcadiana Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Clay completed a recording project entitled *Songs for the People: Art Songs of African-American Women Composers* released in late 2018.

She received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Kentucky and is currently an Associate Professor of Music at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Clay has students who are performing in opera houses throughout the United States, including, the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Chicago Opera, Sarasota Opera, and Des Moines Opera

**Worship Attendance August 4~ First Light Service: 13 Sanctuary Service: 61
Bible Study, July 30—11**

This Week's Schedule

| Sunday 08/11 | Mon 08/12 | Tues. 08/13 | Wed. 08/14 | Thurs. 08/15 | Fri. 08/16 | Sat. 08/17 | Sunday 08/18 |
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| 9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship 3:00p.m. Bay View Brass Russian Brass | 10:30a.m. Baby Diaper Pantry 6:00p.m. Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry | 10 a.m. Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. Gardening | 10:30a.m. Baby Diaper Pantry 7:00p.m. Choir practice 8:00p.m. Bay View American Spiritual Concert | 8:00p.m. Bay View Recital Art Songs By African-American Women | | 9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship |

A Reminder for August 18 First Light Beach Service —

Please Bring Folding Chairs and meet on the beach, The Pavilion Is Reserved for a Wedding



| Gifts of Serving | THIS WEEK AUGUST 11TH | NEXT WEEK AUGUST 18TH |
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| GREETERS/USHER: | Julia Heddle & Mary Ann Chew | Jim & Christel Gibbons |
| COFFEE HOUR: | Bill & Betty Wadland | Lucy Witthoeft |
| LAY READER: | Dave Smith | Diaconate |
| Altar Flowers: | Bill & Betty Wadland | John & Sue Dixon |
| Bulletin Sponsorship: | John & Sue Dixon | John & Sue Dixon |

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST LIST

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| <p>Healing</p> <p>Diagnosed with Cancer</p> | <p>Ted Dumbauld Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.)</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>Healing</p> | <p>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.)</p> | <p>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.)</p> |
| <p>Prayer</p> | <p>For our congregation Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders</p> | <p>Victims of Natural Disasters Those living with Mental Illness Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland) Angela White (Weber's) Jarrett Frye Sharon Himebaugh</p> |
| <p>Prayer</p> | <p>U.C.C. Church of the Month</p> | <p>First Congregational UCC—Alpena Pastor Paul Lance</p> |
| <p>Grieving</p> | <p>Family of Rev. Edwin Remaly</p> | <p>Family of Linda Mason Family of Chuck Jadwin</p> |
| <p>Military</p> | <p>Joshua Wojan Wesley Moulden SGT Ian Tompkins SFC Alex Weller</p> | <p>SGT Adam Soldan Captain David Knowles Jr. EMN3 Cary Tompkins (Linda Moore)</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.

~Please take a moment to update your information on the sheet in the vestibule outside the sanctuary~

