

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 25, 2019
Eleventh 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
Ringing of the Steeple Bell and the Lighting of the Candles

PRELUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" Arr. Franklin Ritter

INTROIT "Prelude From Suite No. 6 In D Major" JS Bach, Charles Helge, cello

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This time is a gift to you; use it well.

All: May we worship our God with gladness and thanksgiving.

One: This earth is a gift to you; care for it well.

All: May we savor the gifts of God by being good stewards of all God's resources.

One: These people are a gift to you; love them well.

All: May we love one another as God has loved us, all children of the Creator.

One: Jesus is a gift to you; follow him well.

All: May we love one another, care for the earth, and worship God by following Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. Amen.

* **GATHERING HYMN #723.** For the Fruit of All Creation

* THE MORNING PRAYER

Merciful God,

as we pour out the wealth you have entrusted to us,
the parched places are watered;

as we cease our evil talk, the rising light of peace dawns in the darkness.

So lead us into faithful living that your promises may unfold in us as a woman's back, long bent, unfolds at Christ's command, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “ O Jesus, I Have Promised” Arr. Emma Diemer

* 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 “Gabriel’s Oboe” Morricone, from the film “The Mission”
Arr. Chas Helge

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:6-14

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Luke 13:10-17

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THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** #430 Be Not Afraid

* **GOD’S PEOPLE IN PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of our Savior (Week 5 of our Summertime Re-imaginings of the Lords Prayer)

Our Father

Who is in us here on earth, Holy is your name

In the hungry who share their bread and their hopes.

Your kingdom come,

A generous land where confidence and truth reign.

Let us do your will and become a cool breeze for those who sweat in their long labors.

You give us your daily bread

When we return land to small farmers, or when we help all workers get a fair wage.

Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice

And for burying our dreams of justice for all.

*Don’t let us fall into temptation of taking up arms to solve conflict,
but deliver us from the evil which disunites us.*

And we believe in humanity and in life, and we honor your kingdom

which is being built with every act of faith, of hope, of compassion, and of social justice.

Amen.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** #574. I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach

Budget Update from Trustees

At the most recent Trustees meeting, we reviewed the church finances through July. Though our expenses are well under budget, we are in a deficit because there has been a substantial decrease in both pledged and non-pledged giving when compared to the budget and compared to last year.

We encourage everyone with pledges to make sure they are up to date. If you haven't pledged to the church before, please consider doing so for the remainder of this year or to make a pledge for 2020. Your support makes the ministries and the mission of this church possible.

	January - July 2018	January - July 2019	YTD Budget 2019	\$ Over Budget 2019	2019 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4000 (Current Income)					
10 (Current Pledges)	97,077.65	88,985.25	101,599.15	(12,613.90)	174,170.00
20 (Prior Year Pledge)	-	845.00			
30 (Non-Pledge & Cash Offering)	22,681.51	9,449.70	15,166.65	(5,716.95)	26,000.00
Total 4000 (Current Income)	119,759.16	99,279.95	116,765.80	(17,485.85)	200,170.00
Total Income	122,788.62	101,366.92	120,767.50	(19,400.58)	207,030.00
Expense					
Total Expense	128,952.75	116,520.54	126,417.23	(9,896.69)	216,715.13
Net Income	(6,164.13)	(15,153.62)	(5,649.73)	(9,503.89)	(9,685.13)

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art— Barlach, Ernst, 1870-1938. Old Woman Dancing, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57032> [retrieved August 20, 2019].
- Call to worship — Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell rev-o-lution.org
- Morning Prayer Out in Scripture “20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 15), Year C” - Human Rights Campaign. <https://www.hrc.org/resources/out-in-scripture>
- Prayer of Our Savior—adapted from a Central American prayer, translated by TROCAIRE, Ireland) Included in a Prayer Service of Hope, published by Education for Justice www.educationforjustice.org ; https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/lords-prayer-paraphrase_4916.html

Today's Special Music

Chas Helge will be our Guest Artist
with Phil Schairbaum as our substitute organist.



Chas Helge is the Assistant Director of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program teaching classroom strings in Pellston, Harbor Springs, and Boyne City and private lessons and Suzuki Method in Charlevoix and Petoskey. He is a core member of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and performs with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and the Cummings String Quartet. Chas holds a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance from Indiana University, a Master of Music in Cello Performance from Western Michigan University, and recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello Performance coursework at the University of Oklahoma.

This special music performance sponsored by David and Nancy Jones.

Search Committee Member Suggestions

Please fill out your suggestions for people who can serve on the search committee on slips of paper and place in offering basket or the basket in front of the church office.

Don't forget to tell us why you think they are a good choice.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 08/25	Mon 08/26	Tues. 08/27	Wed. 08/28	Thurs. 08/29	Fri. 08/30	Sat. 08/31	Sunday 09/01
<p>9 a.m. First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p>	<p>5:15 p.m. Council Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p>10 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Gardening</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Choir practice</p>			<p>9 a.m. First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p>

The Church will be closed Monday September 2nd for Labor Day

Today's Noisy Offering will benefit The Rayder Den.



The Rayder Den is a food pantry for 7th through 12th grade students and is housed at the Charlevoix Middle/High School.



Gifts of Serving

THIS WEEK
AUGUST 25TH

NEXT WEEK
SEPTEMBER 1ST

GREETERS/USHER:	Ginnie Schairbaum & Lucy Witthoeft	Julia Heddle & Lucy Witthoeft
COFFEE HOUR:	James and Susan Burk & Carol and James Major	_____
LAY READER:	Bob Dominic	_____
Altar Flowers:	Ron & Linda Moore	Mary Ann Ogden
Bulletin Sponsorship:	John & Sue Dixon	John & Sue Dixon

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Healing Diagnosed with Cancer	Ted Dumbauld 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) Brody Roberts Amber Theriault (Lani Ochs) Don Wadland
Healing	Verna Truman Mira Hobson Robin Messing Carol Mackenzie Caitlyn Cruzak (John Young) John McKown Tyler Steffey	Jerry Corley Judy Willey Aurora Sargent Brook Bixby (Gay Kiteley) 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) Jarrett Frye Sharon Himebaugh
Prayer	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Alpena Pastor Paul Lance
Grieving	Family of Rev. Edwin Remaly	
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.

Please verify and update your information on the clipboard being passed around today.



Thank you!

Worship Attendance August 18~ First Light Service: 12 Sanctuary Service: 77
Bible Study, August 20th—14

You are set free!

