

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday September 13, 2020  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**“What can I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits toward me? How can I repay Him for His abundant blessings?” Psalm 116:12**

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# Welcome To Our Church Family!

**Prelude** – “Gather Us In” by Marty Haugen, arr by Jeanne Cotter

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn #687 – “All Things Are Yours”**

- (1) *All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you. And so we give, and so we share, in Christ’s strong name expressing care.*
- (2) *“Give out of love,” your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands. Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.*
- (3) *O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion give again. You have no needs. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – I Corinthians 12:8-14** Page 1785

**My Story of Stewardship – Bob Dominc**

**Hymn of Commitment #688 – “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

- (1) *We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*
- (2) *May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.*
- (3) *To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe, to tend the lone and fatherless is angels’ work below.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – James 1:16-18** Page 1881

The Morning Message – “Consider the Source!”

Offering

Offertory – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” arr by Laura Wasson

The Doxology

**Morning Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Musical Offering** – “All Good Gifts” from Godspell, sung by Hugh Hansen

**Final Blessing**

**Postlude** – “I Want to Walk as a Child of Light,” arr by Laura Wasson

## Weekly Schedule

Sunday 09/13	Mon 09/14	Tues. 09/15	Wed. 09/16	Thurs. 09/17	Fri. 09/18	Sat. 09/20	Sunday 09/21
<b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Garden	<b>6:00 pm</b> Personal Products Pantry	<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study in the Garden & Zoom	<b>10:00 am</b> Garden Club  <b>6:30 pm</b> Diaconate				<b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Garden

## Prayer Requests

<b>Healing</b>	<b>Kaye Beatty</b> Marilee Drost Connie Carr Jeannine Wallace	
<b>Joys</b>	<b>Outdoor worship service together</b>	
<b>Prayers</b>	Covid-19 Patients First Responders & Essential Workers	Teachers, staff and returning students
<b>UCC Church of the Month</b>	First Congregational UCC	P.O. Box 307 Onekama, MI 49675
<b>Grieving</b>	<b>Family of Dennis Carr</b>	Family of Betty Renton

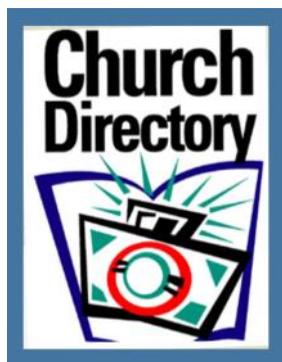
**WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR JOYS!** We have added a new *JOYS* section to the prayer list. Please let us know what your joys are, what you're celebrating, and what you're grateful for. Contact the office so we can add your good news to the bulletin! Please feel free to add someone other than yourself to the prayer list, just be sure you have permission first. Thank you!

## Message from Toby.....

I have really been enjoying my visits with all of you so much. I continue to learn just how richly blessed this congregation is. Talk about gifted! Thank you for welcoming me into your homes and into your church family. If you still haven't scheduled an appointment with me, please call Leah this week, so I can wrap up these preliminary visits.

For those of you who weren't able to be with us last Sunday (9/6), we have kicked off our pledge drive for the 2021 ministry year. Our theme is "Let's Celebrate!" In the next day or two, you should be receiving our pledge packet. Each of the Sundays of September will feature a story from one of our family members, focusing on the discovery and deployment of one of his/her gifts. Our goal is to have everyone in our church family participate in this year's campaign. Don't miss out on what God is going to do in and through us in the coming year!

I mentioned in last Sunday's sermon that some of us struggle a bit to discern what our gifts are. If you feel that way, please email me at [pastor@chxucc.org](mailto:pastor@chxucc.org) and let's set up a time to explore the ways God has equipped you for ministry in this time and place.



## Photo Directory Update

After a lot of hard work by the church clerk, membership committee and the church office we are ready to start the process of printing an updated photo directory. If you need to submit a photo, or verify your contact information, please contact Leah in the office at [office@chxucc.org](mailto:office@chxucc.org) or 231-547-9122. Thank

## Bible Study is Back!

Tuesday's at 10:00 am

In person (outside on the porch) or via Zoom. For more details and regular updates please contact the church office and ask to be added to our bible study email list.

We look forward to seeing you there!