

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 6, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

Every member is a minister in the community

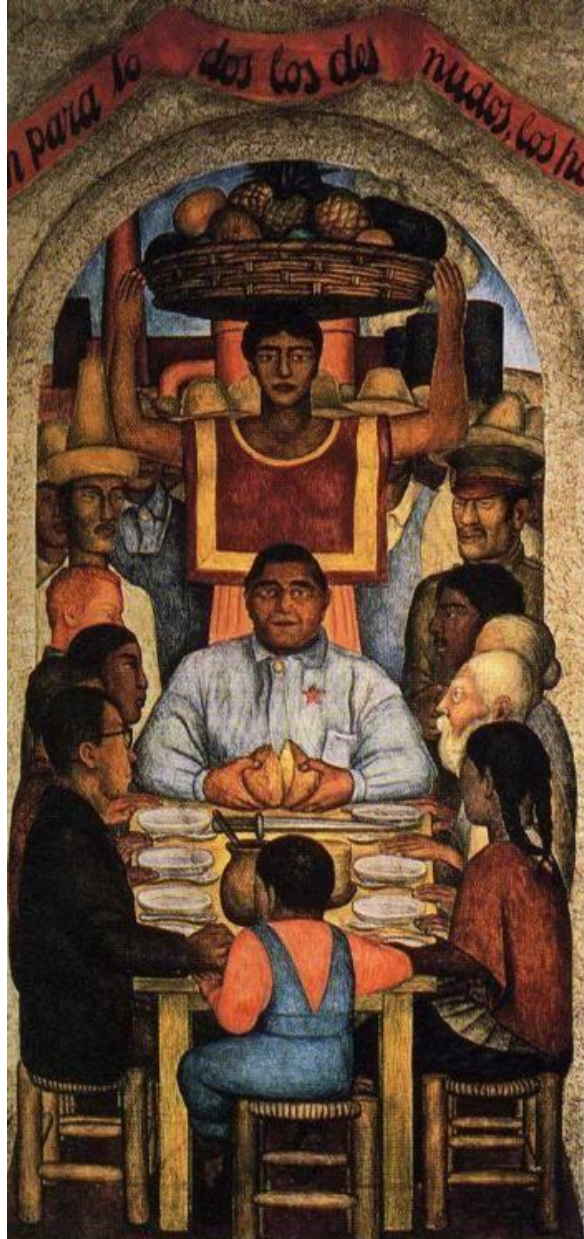
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Welcome to our church family!

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 John Warstler, Guitar

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Draw near.

All: Let us be God's community.

One: Draw near, bringing with you love.

All: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

One: Draw near, bringing with you curiosity.

All: We are one body, one planet, one Church.

One: Draw near, bringing with you hope.

All: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

One: Drawing together, let us worship and praise God!

* **GATHERING HYMN #655** Come Away from Rush and Hurry

* THE MORNING PRAYER

God in heaven, Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit, One in mission, in union and communion with each other and with You.

Today, God, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of this task, we confess our fumbleings and failures in accomplishing unity.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

One: Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, honoring the One who binds us together as one Christian community around the planet and calls us to live out our faith as One Body. So let us begin by sharing the peace of Christ with those gathered here today.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory John Warstler, Guitar

*** 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 37:1-9

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2 Timothy 1:1-14

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Luke 17:5-10

Page 1627

THE MESSAGE

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

*** HYMN OF REFLECTION #457 Lord I want to Be a Christian**

*** GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Communion Invitation" Chancel Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Prayer of Reconciliation

Faithful One, we confess that our faith wavers and falls apart. We confess that at times the world seems to work against us, and at times the world runs us over. We confess our wounds. We confess that at times we unintentionally harm others because of the spiritual and emotional injuries inflicted upon us. Forgive us, and help us to find healing with each other. Grant us Your peace and mercy in our lives. Help us to find hope and to trust in Your faithfulness, that when we fall apart, we will be put back together into something new; for You are our God, and make all

things new, including us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.—Lamentations 3:22-23

Great is the faithfulness of God, whose mercies never end. May you know God's mercy and steadfast love in your life. May you know forgiveness, healing and hope. May you share that love, grace, and mercy with one another, and the peace of God will be with you, now and always. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Let us prepare our hearts

We prepare them for the Lord

Let us open our minds

We open them for the Word

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

We give thanks for the goodness of creation

Telling the Story

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Communion will be served by intinction, where the congregation comes forward and dips the bread into the cups of wine. The wine is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten and nut free. If you are not able to come forward for communion let an usher know or raise your hand at the end of communion, and we will come to you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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, forever. Amen.

SONG OF PARTING John Warstler, Guitar

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

John Warstler



Today we welcome John Warsler as our guest musician on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

He is an acoustic instrumentalist who performs traditional hymns in an easy listening style on vintage instruments. In his own words, "It is my hope that the music can put your mind and heart in a good place."

He will have CDs available for purchase after worship.

**We will be welcoming Jacob Atem, PhD. MPH,
as our guest preacher on October 13, 2019.**

Jacob is the Co-founder of South Sudan Healthcare Organization and will give a presentation about his life and work in the fellowship hour after worship.

Jacob will also be speaking at the Charlevoix Public Library on October 12th at 3:30pm in Community Room A. He will be discussing health care challenges in the Republic of South Sudan.



Photo Directory

One of the great features of our church software program is that it can auto-generate church photo directories. Now that contact information has been updated, we are ready to start collecting pictures. You can get your photo added one of two ways

~Taken at church - Don Smith will be taking photographs of people during fellowship hour in October.

~Email us your picture – if you have a picture of you and/or your family doing something you love, email it to office@chxuucc.org. Please be sure to include the names of everyone in the photo.

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art- "Our Bread" Diego Rivera—<https://www.wikiart.org/en/diego-rivera/our-bread-1928>
- Call to worship — UCC Worship Ways "Beauty and Suffering: God's Holy Planet, A Service of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday," Rev. Ashley Goff. <https://www.uccfiles.com/rtf/ww100619.rtf>
- Morning Prayer, - "A Prayer for World Communion Sunday" <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-for-world-communion-sunday>
- Prayer of Reconciliation, Words of Assurance—Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell rev-o-lution.org
- Communion Prayer—Global Ministries https://www.globalministries.org/call_to_the_table

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 10/06	Mon 10/07	Tues. 10/08	Wed. 10/09	Thurs. 10/10	Fri. 10/11	Sat. 10/12	Sunday 10/13
<p>9 a.m. First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship World Communion Sunday</p> <p>Christian Ed</p>	<p>6:00pm Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p>10 a.m. Bible Study</p>		<p>7:00 p.m. Church Choir practice</p>	<p>Michigan Conference Annual Meeting-Kalamazoo</p>	<p>3:30pm Jacob Atem Charlevoix Public Library</p> <p>Michigan Conference Annual Meeting-Kalamazoo</p>	<p>Jacob Atem, Guest Pastor</p> <p>9 a.m. First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>Presentation after worship</p>

Notice:

The Annual Election Meeting will take place October 20th, at the church, after worship. Please plan on attending to elect church leaders

Gifts of Serving	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 6TH	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 13TH
GREETERS/USHER:	Jim & Carol Major	Dave & Joan Robinson
COFFEE HOUR:	Mike & MaryAnn Ogden	Deborah Smith-Buday
LAY READER:	Alice Pletz-Miller	_____
Altar Flowers:	Alice Pletz-Miller	_____
Bulletin Sponsorship:	Julia Heddle	Julia Heddle



Please remember to include both your first and last name when signing up to serve on Sunday's. Thank you!

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST LIST

<p>Healing</p> <p>Diagnosed with Cancer</p>	Rev. Ginny Titus Jan Smith Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) Don Wadlund (Bill Wadlund) Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen	Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.) Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Elaine Drury (MaryAnn Chew) Brody Roberts Amber Theriault (Lani Ochs)
<p>Healing</p>	Rev. Leroy Sutfin Donna Waters Marty Merz Betsy Teeuwissen Anne Banfield Verna Truman Robin Messing 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.)
<p>Prayer</p>	For our congregation Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders Victims of Natural Disasters	Those living with Mental Illness Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland) Sharon Himebaugh
<p>Prayer</p>	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Benzonia Pastor Patty Higgins
<p>Grieving</p>	Family of Carolyn Mackenzie Family of Dana Gibbons-Amley	Family of Ken Wojan Jr.
<p>Military</p>	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.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 3, 2019 we will be having a service to remember those church members and loved ones who have died in the past year. If you have a family member or loved one that you would like remembered on this day, please email the church office at office@chxuucc.org or you can fill out a form located on the table just outside the office and place it in the basket.

Worship Attendance September 29~ First Light Service: 07 Sanctuary Service: 63

Bible Study, October 1—06

