

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, November 10, 2019**



**Celtic Music Sunday
Twenty-Second 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.)*

MUSIC FOR THE GATHERING Traditional Irish Medley, Araglin Irish Ensemble **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 *"Lakes of Sligo"*

Traditional Irish Melody

INTROIT Vocal Introit

Bi Thusa Mo Shuile, Hannah Harris, soprano

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.

One: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.

One: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.

One: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

All: God's Holy Name Be Praised.

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

All: Amen. We Praise the Lord!

*** GATHERING HYMN #35** Morning Has Broken

Irish Melody

*** MORNING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent,
the fearful find a friend.**

**In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a pardoner, the
burdened find a counselor.**

**In you, the miserly find a beggar, the despondent find a laughter-maker, the
legalists find a rule-breaker.**

In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our Maker and our match. Amen

ANTHEM *"O Christ The Same"*

David Bowen, tenor; Irish Tune, *Derry Air*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Page 284
Luke 10:38-42 Page 1613

MUSIC FOR THE MESSAGE *“Come O Thou Traveler Unknown”*
Melody, *“Ye Banks and Braes”* Robert Burns, Scottish

THE MESSAGE Sarah Hescheles

* HYMN OF REFLECTION #502 Be Thou My Vision 8th Century Irish Hymn

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory *“Captain O’Kane”* Turlough O’Carolan, 1670-1738

* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*GOD’S PEOPLE IN PRAYER

Prayers of the People

One: Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things, we hold to his word and share his plea:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, “Put up your sword”;

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where countries waste food and covet fashion, while Christ says, “I was hungry . . . I was thirsty”:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven blessed, while scripture states that God helps the powerless;

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church, as if Christ had come to build and not to break barriers:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where women who speak up for their dignity are treated with scorn or contempt;

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: where men try hard to be tough, because they’re afraid to be tender:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where we, obsessed with being an adult, forget to become like children;

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where the hurt of illness, pain, and death threaten to overcome your promise of life abundant:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Where Jesus Christ calls us:

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

One: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. This we pray in Jesus' name,

All: Amen

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, for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** #712 Sent Forth with God's Blessing ,Welsh Tune, Ash Grove

* **BENEDICTION**

* **VOCAL RESPONSE**

Hannah Harris, soprano

POSTLUDE

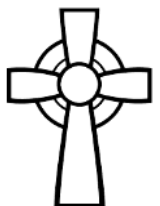
EXIT MUSIC Celtic Traditional Medley

The Celtic Worship Musicians:

Bruce Gartner, violin, mandolin; David Bowen, vocals, strings;

Hannah Harris, vocals, violin; John Richey, violin, viola;

Rick Willey, violin, mandolin, banjo



Celtic Worship Music

Music for the Celtic Service is provided by the *Araglin Irish Ensemble*, five talented musicians whose experience include graduate training at University College Cork, Irish World Music Championship competitions and medals, and musical performance across the United States, Canada, and Ireland.



Please welcome our guest preacher, Sarah Hescheles.

Sarah has spent her career building structures and cultivating communities and is passionate about co-creating sacred space to nurture individual wholeness, integrated leaders, and weave life-giving, compassionate communities. She enjoys working with faith formation leaders, faith communities, people who care for all who are suffering and hurting, and leaders who actively work to strengthen their communities.

Sarah received her Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Master of Divinity from Duke University, Bachelor of Science in Architecture from University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and was prepared as a Courage & Renewal facilitator by Parker J. Palmer and the Center for Courage & Renewal. She is a life-long United Methodist whose spirituality is profoundly influenced by the natural environment and has volunteered with faith communities serving in missions/social justice, worship, and youth ministry.

Church Key Replacement

The Board of Trustees recently replaced the locks on the church building. **Replacement keys will be available to current church leadership in the office during regular hours, and on Sunday, November 10 after worship.**

If you want a key to the church and are not currently in church leadership, please contact John Dixon.



Sunday 11/10	Mon 11/11	Tues. 11/12	Wed. 11/13	Thurs. 11/14	Fri. 11/15	Sat. 11/16	Sunday 11/17
<i>~This Week's Schedule~</i>							
9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Celtic Worship Guest Preacher, Sarah Hescheles New Keys available after worship	10:00am Diaper Pantry 6:00pm Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry	10:00 a.m. Bible Study		10:00am Diaper Pantry 7:00 p.m. Church Choir practice			9 a.m. First Light Service 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Pastor Greg on Vacation							

Harbor Light Newsletter Deadline

The December/January Harbor Light publication will soon be in the works. If you have something you would like included, please contact the office no later than Thursday November 21st.

Office@chxuucc.org

Gifts of Sewing

THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 10TH

NEXT WEEK
NOVEMBER 17TH

GREETERS/USHER:

Bob & Ruth Chapman

Bruce & Joyce Herbert

COFFEE HOUR:

Julia Heddle & Sharon Snyder

Betty & Bill Wadland

LAY READER:

Tina Bowen

Diaconate

Altar Flowers:

Betty & Bill Wadland

Bulletin Sponsorship:

Mike & Mary Ann Ogden

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Praise and Prayer Request List

Healing Diagnosed with Cancer	Rev. Ginny Titus Jan Smith Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) 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)
Healing	Delores Cain Jesse Wilcox 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.)
Prayer	Roger and Donna Waters 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
Prayer	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Charlevoix, MI
Grieving	Family of Don Wadland Family of Dana Gibbons-Amley	Family of Carolyn Mackenzie Family of Ken Wojan Jr.
Military	Nate Powell 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.

Worship Attendance November 03 ~ First Light Service: 07 Sanctuary Service: 60
Bible Study, November 05—08

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- All of today's worship elements come from the Iona Community, Iona Scotland.
- Call to worship— *A Wee Worship Book* Wild Goose Worship Group—morning Liturgy E
- Morning Prayer, - *A Wee Worship Book* Wild Goose Worship Group—Morning Liturgy A
- Prayers of the People — *A Wee Worship Book* Wild Goose Worship Group—Morning Liturgy A

