

First Congregational United Church of Christ Sunday November 29, 2020



“From the Bible’s viewpoint, the existence of poverty is an indictment against the wealthy in that community for not addressing and alleviating it. In other words, poverty and those suffering from it are considered the responsibility of the non-poor in that community.”

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Welcome To Our Church Family!

Prelude “Savior of the Nations, Come” arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome

Opening Prayer & Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle

Hymn #615 “Community of Christ”

(1) Community of Christ, who make the cross your own, live out your creed and risk your life for God alone: the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong, whose children are of every race and every song. (2) Community of Christ, look past the church’s door and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor. Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street, take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor’s feet.

First Reading – Amos 5:4-13, 21-24

Music for Reflection

Second Reading – James 2:1-9 & 5:1-6

Morning Message – “Does God Play Favorites?”

-Toby Jones, Pastor

The Message in Music – “Man in Black” by Johnny Cash

Offering

Offertory Music- “Loving God, Loving Each Other”

arr. William & Gloria Gaither, offered by Vince Chew

Doxology

Morning Prayers

Hymn #575 – “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

(1) Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed; we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart. (2) Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we

mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

Final Charge & Blessing

Postlude “Postlude in Early American Style” arr. Lani Smith

Because we ALL could use a truly special gift this Advent...

You are invited to a life-changing Advent study on the four Wednesdays of Advent. Beginning Wednesday, Dec 2 at 7:00 p.m. EST, our pastor Toby Jones and our adult educator extraordinaire Julia Heddle will be co-leading a Zoom Study entitled

“The Command to Rest: God’s Most Precious, Unopened Gift”

For one hour each Wednesday evening, participants will be treated to a deep dive into one of God’s most gracious provisions for us, the Sabbath commandment. Drawing heavily from Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann’s book *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*, this study will unwrap the life-giving gift that is Sabbath rest. In addition to reading and discussing scriptures related to Sabbath practice, we will share our own experiences – past and present – in hopes of altering our futures for the better. This study will be all about changing our lives and the world for the better.

Participants will receive an outline with passages to read and questions to consider before each Wednesday evening session, but even if you haven’t the time to prepare, you are more than welcome to participate. We do require that you RSVP by Tuesday, December 1 if you plan to participate. Just email Toby at toby@chxuucc.org or Julia at juliaheddle2018@gmail.com by this Tuesday to let us know. That way we can be sure to get materials to you each week along with the Zoom link info. Even if you can’t commit to all four sessions, you are still welcome to participate when you can. Just let us know.

Looking forward to celebrating Advent and Sabbath with YOU!



The Charlevoix Christmas Project

You can still donate, even with the building closure. Leah will be present in office on Mondays. You can ring the doorbell and she will come down and collect your donations!

The final day for donating is December 13th.

Due to recent stay-at-home orders, the church office may not be regularly staffed during normal business hours. The best way to reach the office during this time is by email. office@chxucc.org.

Sunday 11/29	Mon 11/30	Tues. 12/01	Wed. 12/02	Thurs. 12/03	Fri. 12/04	Sat. 12/05	Sunday 12/06
10:30 am live-streamed Worship	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study Zoom	10:00 am By-laws Meeting 3:30pm Outreach Meeting				10:30 am live-streamed Worship

Due to Covid-19 health concerns the church building is closed at this time. All meetings have been moved to Zoom and Sunday worship has now moved to a virtual format

Healing	Rick Wright- Covid-19 Sienna Dice- Broken Nose & surgery	Roger Caylor- Surgery Jeannine Wallace - Healing from fall
Joys		
Prayers	Alice Schad- cognitive difficulties Covid-19 Patients	Teachers, staff and students First Responders & Essential Workers
Grieving	Friends & loved ones of Tyler Steffey	Friends & loved ones of Joan Witting

If you would like to be included in the photo directory, and do not currently have a photo on file, please send us one ASAP. Photos can be mailed, emailed, or we would be happy to take one for you!

