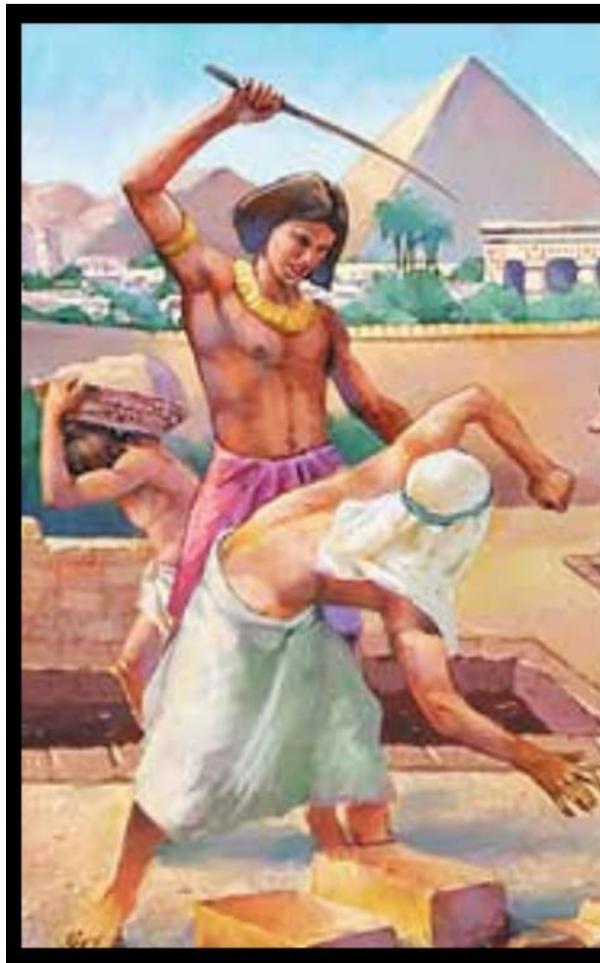


# First Congregational United Church of Christ Sunday December 13, 2020



**“Come to me, all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28**

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# Welcome To Our Church Family!

**Prelude- “Hope” by Joel Raney, offered by Shelley Fisher**

**Tolling of the Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

**Lighting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle - Roger Waters, Director of Music**

***Opening Hymn #154 – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”***

*(1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! (2) O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! (3) O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! (4) O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the world with heaven’s peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Matthew 6:25-31**

**Special Music – “59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Song” by Simon & Garfunkel**

- offered by Hugh Hansen & Toby Jones

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Exodus 5:1-20**

**Seasonal Offering – John Warstler**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – Exodus 20:8-11**

**Morning Message – “A Tale of Two Systems: Pharaoh’s vs. Yahweh’s”**

-Toby Jones, pastor

**Offering**

**Offertory Music – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” – John Warstler**

**The Doxology**

**Morning Prayers**

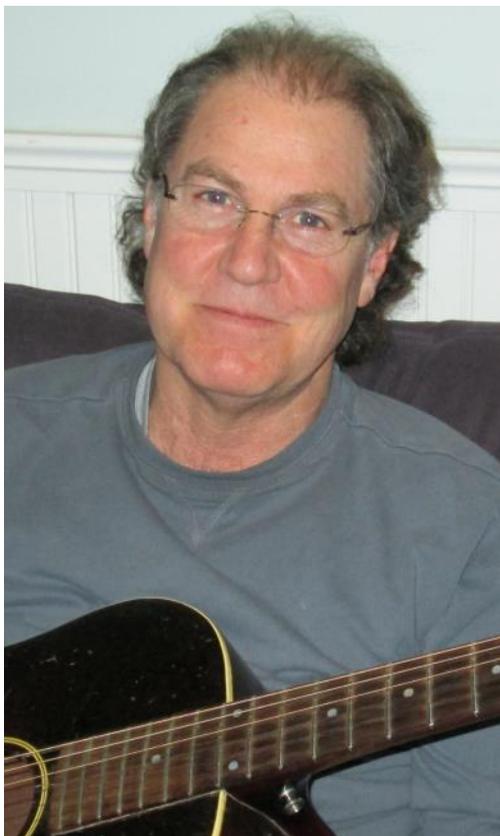
## **Closing Hymn #158 – “Blessed Be the God of Israel”**

*(1) Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace. (2) Now from the house of David a child of grace has come, a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day. (3) On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise, a dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes, to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace; O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!*

## **Final Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude “Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. Lloyd Larson**

**- offered by Shelley Fisher**



## **Special Musical Guest**

**John Warstler** began his musical career in an unusual way: he was born with a stuttering disorder, and music helped him cope. He eventually became a speech pathologist as well as a professional musician. These days, he’s not only recording in the studio and playing tunes at various venues, but he’s also “Mr. John” to Northern Michigan school children. In addition to working with students with speech disorders, he uses his music to teach learning readiness skills to kindergartners through second graders.

Sunday 12/13	Mon 12/14	Tues. 12/15	Wed. 12/16	Thurs. 12/17	Fri. 12/18	Sat. 12/19	Sunday 12/20
10:30 am live-streamed Worship  www.chxuucc.org	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Sabbath Study- Zoom	7:00 pm Sabbath Study- Zoom				10:30 am live-streamed Worship  www.chxuucc.org

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## Prayer Requests

Healing	<b>Marilyn Dumbauld- Surgery</b> Roger Caylor- Surgery	Marty and Marge Merz– Covid-19 Rick Wright- Covid-19
Prayers	Nick Jones– Stroke Alice Schad- cognitive difficulties	Covid-19 Patients Teachers, staff and students First Responders & Essential Workers
Joys	<b>Earl Bennett-</b> (Linda Weller’s father) Recovering from heart surgery- thankful for the skills of the doctors and nurses at McLaren Northern Michigan	<b>Grateful for health!</b>
Grieving	Family & loved ones of Barb Dowty	Friends & loved ones of Joan Witting Friends & loved ones of Tyler Steffey

### *Just a Reminder about the Church Employee Christmas Donations*

Don't forget to send your Christmas donations to our dedicated staff – Larry, Leah, Roger, Shelley, and Toby – by using the church website or via a check, in accordance with the email you received from our Moderator Bill Trubilowicz last week. Thank you for making our great staff's season bright!