

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday December 27, 2020



“Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is  
God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

# Welcome To Our Church Family!

## Pre Service Music

## Tolling of the Bell

## Words of Welcome

### Hymn of Adoration - #182 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*(1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*(2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord. (3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:16-18

Congregational Responses to 1<sup>st</sup> Question: Despite all the losses and all the things you couldn't do or enjoy this year, what were/are you most grateful for this 2020 Christmas?

### Hymn of Thanksgiving - #179 “Joy to the World”

*(1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. (4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:28, 38

Congregational Responses to 2<sup>nd</sup> Question: What is 1 thing you've been able to do and to enjoy this holiday season that you might not have been able to do/or enjoy in an ordinary Christmas season?

## The Offering

**Special Offertory Music** – Seasonal Music by Vivaldi.

Concerto #4 in F minor “Winter”-offered by Iuliia Fetysenko

I. Allegro non molto

II. Largo

III. Allegro

## The Doxology

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31 & Jeremiah 29:10-14

Congregational Responses to 3<sup>rd</sup> Question: What is the 1 thing you are most looking forward to doing once Covid-19 is behind us?

### Hymn of Hope - #405 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*(1) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’s blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand. (4) When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found: dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

### Morning Prayers

Special Music – “All Good Gifts” from Godspell – Hugh Hansen

### Benediction

### Postlude



A native Ukrainian, Luliia Fetysenko started to play violin in age 5. During her school years she performed solo pieces and concertos with several Ukrainian symphonic and chamber orchestras and also took part in different Ukrainian competitions.

In 2016 she graduated with a Bachelor of Music in violin performance from Tchaikovsky National Musical Academy in Ukraine. Luliia performed in Berlin, Germany in a section of a student symphonic orchestra. She took part in Encore summer festival in Gates Mills in 2015 and 2016 with the Cavani String quartet.

In 2017 she started to teach private lessons in violin and viola in Cleveland, Westlake, and Huron, OH using traditional and Suzuki approaches as well as performing with the Canton, Akron and Firelands Symphony orchestras.

In 2019 Luliia graduated with a Masters Degree in musical performance and Suzuki Pedagogy from Cleveland Institute of Music, and after graduation she joined the Dorothy Gerber String Program as a full-time teacher and then moved to Petoskey, MI.

<b>Sunday</b> 12/27	<b>Mon</b> 12/28	<b>Tues.</b> 12/29	<b>Wed.</b> 12/30	<b>Thurs.</b> 12/31	<b>Fri.</b> 01/01	<b>Sat.</b> 01/02	<b>Sunday</b> 01/03
10:30 am live-streamed Worship  www.chxucc.org	6:00 pm Pantry			New Years Eve  	New Years Day		10:30 am live-streamed Worship
<b>Healing</b>	<b>Tim Watts- Surgery</b> <b>Jeannine Wallace- Fall</b> Marv Smith- Covid-19			Marilyn Dumbauld- Surgery Marty and Marge Merz- Covid-19 Rick Wright- Covid-19 Earl Bennett- Surgery			
<b>Prayers</b>	Covid-19 Patients			Essential Workers			
<b>Joys</b>	We want to hear your joys!						
<b>Grieving</b>	<b>Family &amp; loved ones of Robert Rowe</b>			<b>Family &amp; loved ones of Nick Jones</b>			

**Final Call for Photo Directory Updates- Due January 7, 2020**

We are in our last stages of revision prior to publishing a new photo directory for 2021. We still have several regular participants who are missing photos and other important contact information. Since that is the main purpose behind publishing a photo directory, those who do not have their information or picture on file will be listed in the back of the directory by name only. The new revision will not include photos of the church in place of participants

If you would like to be included in the new directory but do not have a photo on file with us, please send one to the office no later than January 7th.

A private link to the photo directory draft has been posted to our website. An access code was recently sent out via email. If you need it again, please email the church office.

If you have any questions or need a photo taken, please let us know and we are happy to help!

**Attention Church Leadership:**

2020 Annual Report submissions are due no later than January 10, 2021. Please submit your typed reports via email in an editable format, preferably Microsoft Word. No JPEG or PDF files, please. If you need help submitting your report, please let the church office know. If you would prefer, a submission form can be found on the church's website at <https://chxucc.org/2020-annual-report-submission-form/>