

First Congregational United Church of Christ Sunday January 31, 2021



“Little Darlin’, it’s been a long, cold, lonely winter. Little Darlin’, it seems like years since it’s been Spring. Here comes the sun...Here comes the sun, and I say, it’s alright...” – George Harrison

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” – Romans 8:18

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Pre-Service Music – “People Get Ready” by Curtis Mayfield

Prelude- “Christ Be in My Waking” arr. By Larry Shackley

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn #35 – “Morning Has Broken” (vs 1-3)

(1) Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! (2) Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. (3) Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

First Reading – Genesis 9:8-16

Special Music – “Eternal Father Strong to Save” and “Rodney's Glory”
offered by David Bowen

Second Reading – Romans 8:18-25

Beatles' Song of the Day – “Here Comes the Sun”

Morning Message – “Here Comes the Sun – A Time for Hope”
offered by Toby Jones, Pastor

Sermon Hymn #447 – “Because He Lives”

(1) God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lives and dies to buy my pardon, an empty grave there to prove my Savior lives. Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives. (2) How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance; this child can face uncertain days because he lives. Because he lives I can face

tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives. (3) And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives. . Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Offering

Offertory Music- "Sunny" offered by David Bowen

The Doxology

Morning Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn #424 – "How Can I Keep from Singing" (vs 1-3)

(1) My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? (2) Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? (3) What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Charge & Benediction

Postlude "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" by Wilbur Held

Annual Meeting- Sunday, February 7th.

Sunday 01/31	Mon 02/01	Tues. 02/02	Wed. 02/03	Thurs. 02/04	Fri. 02/05	Sat. 02/06	Sunday 02/07
10:30 am live-streamed Worship www.chxucc.org	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study Zoom	10:00 am By-laws meeting				10:30 am live-streamed Worship Annual Meeting

Prayer Requests

Healing	Anne Carey Stanley- Covid-19	Kirk Gunderson- Heart attack
Prayers	Larry & Carrie Minch- Car Accident Covid-19 Patients	Essential Workers Teachers and Students
Joys	Lisa Hammond- New grandchild	

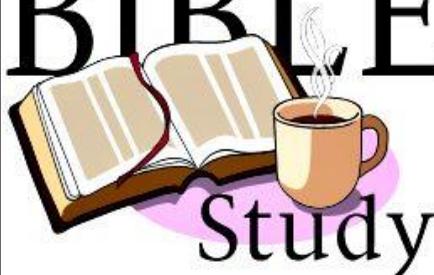
40-Day Book Study- February 17 - March 23

Faith After Doubt: Why Your Belief's Stopped Working and What to Do About it
by Brian McLaren

If you are interested in participating get yourself a copy of Faith After Doubt and email Toby at toby@chxucc.org

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BIBLE



Bible Study

(via Zoom)

Each Tuesday at 10:00 am

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