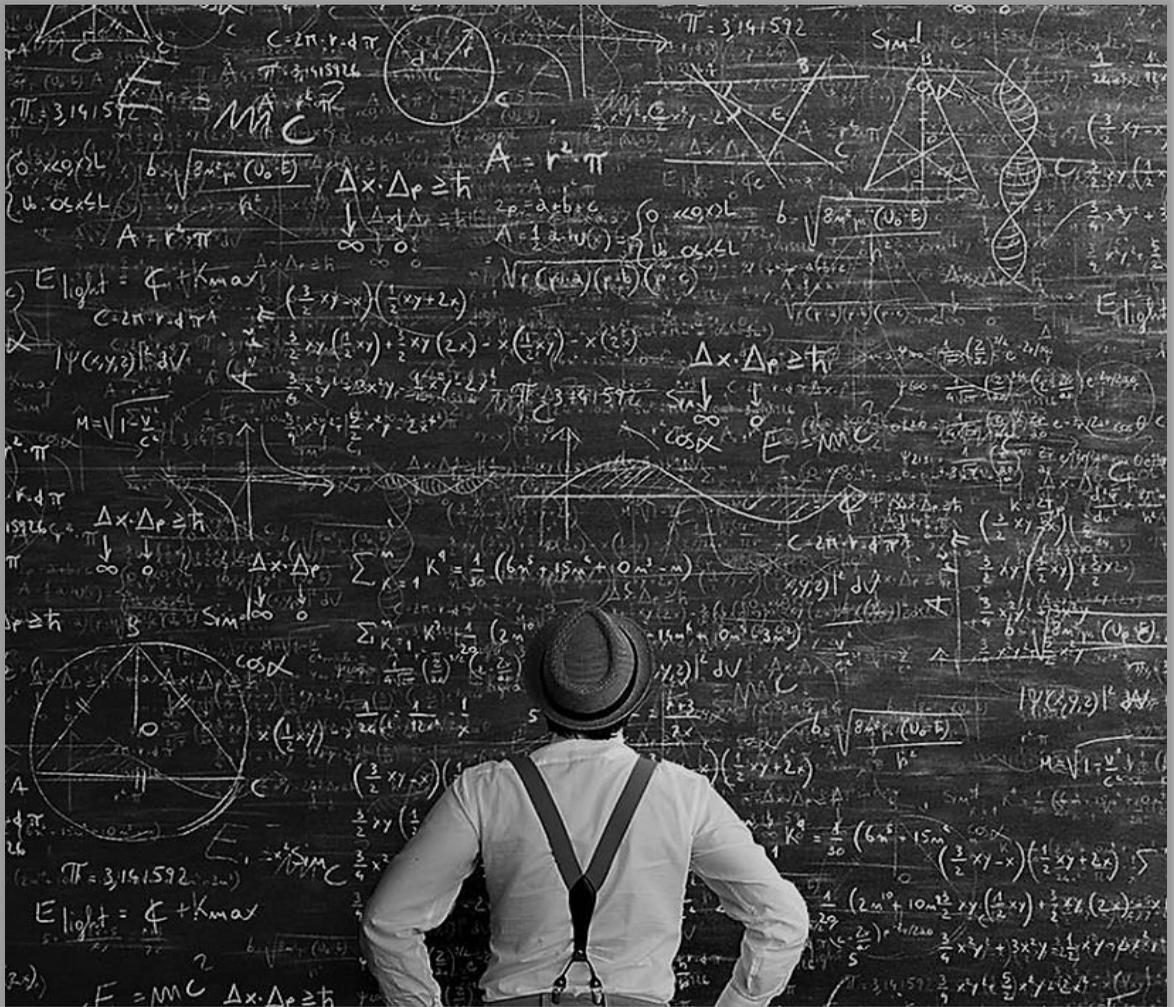


First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday February 28, 2021
Noisy Offering



“Whether it happens at twelve or twenty-two or fifty-five, eventually, many of us doubt our way out of simplicity and enter stage two: Complexity” - Brian McLaren, *“Faith After Doubt”*

Welcome to our church family!

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude Music- “What Wonderous Love Is This” arr. Heather Sorenson

Welcome

Opening Hymn #272 – “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(1) Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter’s power; your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray. (2) Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned. O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross. (3) Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete: “It is finished!” hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

First Reading – Deuteronomy 20:10-18

Music for Reflection

Second Reading – Luke 6:27-36

**Morning Message – “Stage Two: When Things Get Complicated”
Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor**

Sermon Hymn #65 – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

(1) God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. (2) You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head. (3) His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower. (4) Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain: God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

The Offering

- Offertory Music

Offered by David Bowen and Shelley Fisher

- The Doxology

A Winter's Prayer – written and offered by Molly Tate

Hymn of Response #416 – “God! When Human Bonds Are Broken”

(1) God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still. (2) Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess. (3) You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace. (4) Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life; use us as a means of blessings: make us stronger, give us faith. (5) Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God! Encourage and renew!

Charge & Benediction

Postlude- “Amazing Grace” arr. Victor Labenske



NOISY OFFERING

There will be a Noisy Offering today for Heifer International. Please drop your loose change in the bucket provided. It's been nearly a year since the Outreach Team has done a Noisy Offering, and we felt it was time to continue this tradition.- Jack Weber, Outreach Treasurer

You can also give to the noisy offering online! [Click Here!](#)

Sunday 02/28	Mon 03/01	Tues. 03/02	Wed. 03/03	Thurs. 03/04	Fri. 03/05	Sat. 03/06	Sunday 03/07
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship Noisy Offering	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study Zoom & In-Person	7:00pm Lent Book Study Zoom				10:30 am In-Person & live- streamed Worship

Prayer Requests

Prayers	Doris Hayes- Stroke (hospice care)	Charlie Johnson-stroke (Joyce & Bruce Herbert's grandson)
Joys	Jerry & Marion Kimble on their 75th wedding anniversary - prayers they are reunited soon (separated due to pandemic)	Bill Wadland shares his joy of being vaccinated for covid-19 and his ability to volunteer to help vaccinate others.

A Message from the Moderator...

As we start to loosen the restrictions on access to the building for meetings, we need to do so in a controlled, measured fashion. I would like to establish the following controls:

- Schedule all meetings through Leah in the Office- only one meeting at a time is allowed
- Limit the number of people to 10 & take attendance for contact tracing
- Always require masks
- Encourage the use of hand sanitizers
- Set-up your meeting room to meet the 6-foot social distancing rule
- Limit the length of the meeting to one hour
- Email me at moderator@chxucc.org of the plan for your meeting.

For now, if anyone on your committee is uncomfortable attending a meeting in-person, please continue to hold the meeting remotely on Zoom. In the future, we will phase in a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings.

-Bill Trubilowicz