

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday March 14, 2021**



“Doubt is the doorway to love...Doubt prepares the way for a new kind of faith after (and with) doubt, a humbled and harmonious faith, a faith that expresses itself in love.” – Brian McLaren – *Faith After Doubt*

Welcome To Our Church Family

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude “Out of the Depths I Cry to You” by Michael Joseph

Offered by Maureen Delaney-Lehman

Welcome

Opening Hymn 413 – “When Our Confidence is Shaken”

(1) When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure, when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure, God is active in the tensions of faith not yet mature, of a faith not yet mature. (2) Solar systems, void of meaning, freeze the spirit into stone; always our researches lead us to the ultimate unknown. Faith must die, or come full circle to its source in God alone, to its source in God alone. (3) In the discipline of praying when it's hardest to believe; in the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve, faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive, of the insights we receive. (4) God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify; this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why. May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die, be content to live and die!

1st Reading – Galatians 5:1-6

Music for Reflection

2nd Reading – I Corinthians 13:1-13

Morning Message: “The Most Excellent Way” Stage 4 – Harmony

Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor

Hymn 446 – “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

(1) O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. (2) O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be. (3) O Joy that seekest me through pain, I can not close my hear to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. (4) O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in the dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

The Offering

- Offertory Music “When Jesus Wept” by Charles Callahan

Offered by Maureen Delaney-Lehman

- The Doxology

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn – “This is My Song”

(1) This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. (2) My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, and skies are every where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. (3) Teach us to sing, O God of all creation, a song of home for ocean, sky, and pine. Teach us to walk the way that ends division, till every land and nation love entwines. Then will all peoples see your glorious Vision: the world at peace, beloved and divine.

Charge & Benediction

**Postlude “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” by Georg Philipp Telemann
Offered by Maureen Delaney-Lehman**



Special Guest Musician

Today we welcome Maureen Delaney- Lehman to the keyboard.

Maureen has been involved in music all her life. After teaching for five years, she spent the rest of her career as a librarian at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. During her Upper Peninsula years, she was an organist at Central United Methodist Church, sang and soloed with the Chamber Singers of Algoma, and performed on stage in Sault Opera productions.

She has remained busy since moving to Petoskey as a member of the Little Traverse Choral Society, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, and as a librarian and harpsichordist for the orchestra. She is involved with the music program at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs as a substitute organist, choir member, and soloist. In the summer she is an organist at Redpath Church in Cross Village.



We extend our warmest regards and welcome to Maureen.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 03/14	Mon 03/15	Tues 03/16	Wed 03/17	Thurs 03/18	Fri 03/19	Sat 03/20	Sunday 03/21
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship Daylight Savings Time Starts	5:15pm Trustee Mtg 6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study Zoom & In-Person	7:00pm Lent Book Study Zoom St. Patrick's Day 				10:30 am In-Person & live- streamed Worship

Prayer Requests

Prayers	Leah Dice's Aunt Lynn, for ongoing medical issues.	Covid-19 patients and their families Essential Workers Teachers & Students
Grieving	Family & loved ones of Doris Hayes Bob Dominic on the loss of his brother, Mike Dominic	Mary Ann Chew on the loss of her brother, Don Berg.
Joys	Prayers of JOY for Ken and Linda Weller's son Ian who was recently engaged to his girlfriend Cathy. May God bless them as they begin their life together.	

To submit a prayer request form please visit our website at www.chxucc.org

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