

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday March 21, 2021**



“Doubt need not be the death of faith. It can be, instead, the birth of a new kind of faith, a faith beyond beliefs, a faith that expresses itself in love, a deepening and expanding faith that can save your life and save the world.” – Brian McLaren, *Faith After Doubt*, p. 212

# Welcome to our church family!

**Tolling of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn – #664 – “Thy Word”**

*(1) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (2) Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and I will love you to the end.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Mark 2:1-12**

**Music for Reflection**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Mark 5:24b-34**

**Morning Message – “Faith Over Belief and Solidarity Over Supremacy” - Offered by Toby Jones**

**Sermon Hymn - #354 – “Just As I Am” (vs 1, 3, & 4)**

*(1) Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come! (3) Just as I am, though tossed about with*

*many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come! (4) Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

## **Morning Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**The Doxology**

## **Morning Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

### **Closing Hymn - #635 – "And Jesus Said"**

*(1) And Jesus said: don't be afraid, I've come to turn your fear to hope, I've come to take you through the deep, to be your friend until the end, and give your troubled heart to sleep. (2) And Jesus said: don't be afraid. I know your emptiness and grief, I hear your words of unbelief, but if you will, I'll heal your soul and give your doubting heart relief. (3) And Jesus said: don't be afraid, I am the Way, I am the Light, I am the Truth that holds you tight, and in God's home you have a room, a place of welcome and delight.*

## **Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# Weekly Schedule

Sunday 03/21	Mon 03/22	Tues 03/23	Wed 03/24	Thurs 03/25	Fri 03/26	Sat 03/27	Sunday 03/28
<p><b>10:30 am</b> In-Person &amp; live-streamed Worship</p>	<p><b>5:15pm</b> Council Mtg</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Pantry</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study Zoom &amp; In-Person</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter Garden Gala Orders Due</b></p>	<p><b>7:00pm</b> Lent Book Study Zoom</p>				<p><b>10:30 am</b> In-Person &amp; live-streamed Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guest Preacher</b></p>
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## Prayer Requests

<b>Prayers</b>	<p>Prayers for Marge &amp; Marty Merz’s Son, Todd, Daughter-in-law, Jess, and their grandson Elijah all have tested positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>Covid-19 patients and their families Essential Workers Teachers &amp; Students</p>
<b>Joys</b>	<p><b>To submit a prayer request form please visit our website at <a href="http://www.chxucc.org">www.chxucc.org</a></b></p>	



**If you need assistance registering for your Covid-19 vaccine or would like help with transportation to and from your vaccine appointment please click the link: <https://forms.gle/3bRRL37KErosh7bt8>**

**2021 Easter Garden Gala**

Click the link to place your flower order. Paper forms can be picked up outside the church office.

<https://forms.gle/qUw8YhPyaM3Qb2qS9>

**Orders are due March 23rd!**

**Announcing an Exciting Opportunity!**  
**Blue Water Camp for Creation Explorers:**

A small planning team is forming to bring a one-time children’s event to our church and to the community this August. If you are interested please contact Betty Wadland at [bettyjeanwadland@gmail.com](mailto:bettyjeanwadland@gmail.com) or call 517-410-9922. Visit [www.chxucc.org](http://www.chxucc.org) for more information.

