

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday December 6, 2020**



**“The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.”
– Mark 2:27**

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p. m.**

Welcome To Our Church Family!

Pre-Service Music – “Come Away With Me” by Norah Jones

Prelude – “The Snow Lay on the Ground” by Larry Shackley

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting – Hugh Hansen

Special Music– “Joy to the World” Iuliia Fetysenko, violin

1st Readings – Genesis 2:1-3 & Exodus 20:8-11

Hymn 371 – “O Father, We Have Wandered” (vs 1-2)

(1) Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame, as distant but compelling, we hear you call our name. (2) And now at length discerning the evil that we do, behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

2nd Reading – Matthew 11:28-30

Morning Message – “The Sabbath: God’s Unopened Gift to Us”
-Toby Jones, Pastor

Special Music– “Ave Maria” Iuliia Fetysenko, violin

The Offering

- **Offertory Music** – “Silent Night” Iuliia Fetysenko, violin
- **The Doxology**

Morning Prayers

Hymn 655 – “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” (vs 1-2)

(1) Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace; from our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s face. (2) In the pastures of God’s goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God’s mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God’s presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of

God's anointing into service we are led.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude- "The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came" arr. Hal H. Hopson



A native Ukrainian, Iuliia 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. Iuliia 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 Cavani String quartet.

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

In 2019 Iuliia 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.



The Charlevoix Christmas Project

You can still donate, even with the building closure.
Leah will be present in office on Mondays. You can ring the doorbell and she will come down and collect your donations!

The final day for donating is December 13th.

Due to recent stay-at-home orders, the church office may not be regularly staffed during normal business hours. The best way to reach the office during this time is by email. office@chxucc.org.

Sunday 12/06	Mon 12/07	Tues. 12/08	Wed. 12/09	Thurs. 12/10	Fri. 12/11	Sat. 12/12	Sunday 12/13
10:30 am live-streamed Worship	6:00 pm Pantry 7:15 PM Diaconate zoom	10:00 am Sabbath Study- zoom	10:00 am By-laws Meeting 7:00 pm Sabbath Study- zoom				10:30 am live-streamed Worship Last day to donate to the Christmas Project

Due to Covid-19 health concerns the church building is closed at this time.
 All meetings have been moved to Zoom and Sunday worship has now moved to a virtual format

Healing	Marty and Marge Merz– Covid Rick Wright- Covid-19	Roger Caylor- Surgery Jeannine Wallace - Healing from fall
Prayers	Nick Jones– Stroke Alice Schad- cognitive difficulties	Covid-19 Patients Teachers, staff and students First Responders & Essential Workers
Grieving	Family & loved ones of Barb Dowty	Friends & loved ones of Joan Witting Friends & loved ones of Tyler Steffey