

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday April 11, 2021**



Vincent van Gogh, The Sower

“Too often we forget that Jesus called us to be witnesses...NOT attorneys.”
- unknown

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn #435 – “Like a River Glorious”

(1) Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace, over all victorious in its bring increase: perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest. (2) Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand; not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest. (3) Every joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love; we may trust him fully all for us to do; they who trust him wholly find while wholly true. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

First Scripture Reading – Matthew 13:3-9

Music for Reflection

Second Scripture Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

**Morning Message – “Going with God’s Flow” – The Parable of the Sower
-Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor**

Sermon Hymn #564 – “God is Working His Purpose Out” (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

(1) God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year: God is working his purpose out, the time is drawing near. Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. (2) From the east to utmost west, where human feet have trod, by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God, “Give ear to me, you continents, you isles, give ear to me, that the earth may be filled with glory of God as the waters cover the sea.” (4) All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed. Vainly we hope for the harvest time till God gives life to the seed. Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Morning Offering

Offertory Music

The Doxology

Morning Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #80 – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

(1) He’s got the whole world in his hands he’s got the whole world in his hands, he’s got the whole world in his hands, he’s got the whole world in his hands. (2) He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands, he’s got the wind and the rain in his hands, he’s got the wind and the rain in his hands, he’s got the whole world in his hands. (3) He’s got the tiny little baby in his hands, he’s got the tiny little baby in his hands, he’s got the tiny little baby in his hands, he’s got the whole world in his hands (4) He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands, he’s got you and me, sister, in his hands, he’s got all of us together in his hands, he’s got the whole world in his hands.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 04/11	Mon 04/12	Tues 04/13	Wed 04/14	Thurs 04/15	Fri 04/16	Sat 04/17	Sunday 04/18
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Tuesday Morning Discussion <i>"Puzzling Over the Parables"</i>					10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship

Reminder: the church prayer list is here to help us support each other during both times of joy and times of difficulty. If you or your loved one could benefit from prayers and well wishes please be sure to complete the prayer request form on our website. Also, please be sure to let Toby know!

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Prayer Requests

Prayers	<p>Charlie Johnson, Bruce & Joyce Herbert's 16 year old grandson, brain Surgery on April 9th</p> <p>MaryAnn Ogden, breast cancer surgery on April 6th.</p>	<p>Michael Fifelski- In the Intensive Care Unit at Henry Ford Hospital, waiting for a liver transplant (Lani Ochs)</p> <p>Dan McCotter- Shelley Fisher's son, Covid-19</p>
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Volunteer Needed:

We are looking for a volunteer to replace Joanne Curtis as our church's Rainbow Shoppe Staff Scheduler. The Rainbow Shoppe is an important part of our church ministry with proceeds going directly back into our local community; including the Charlevoix Baby Diaper Pantry, Personal Products Pantry, Christmas Project, Lighthouse Lunch Program, Charlevoix Ministerial Association, and Joppa House just to name a few. If you are interested in filling this important roll, please give Leah in the Church office a call and she can get you in touch with Joanne for more information!



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