

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday April 18, 2021



"The servants asked him, 'Master, do you want us to go and pull up all the weeds?'

'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you might root up some of the wheat and productive plants as well. Let both grow together until the harvest.'"

- Matthew 13:28-30

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude- "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome

Opening Hymn #397 - "The Gift of Love"

(1) Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

(2) Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. (3) Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

1st Reading- Matthew 13:24-30

Music for Reflection

2nd Reading- John 10:7-16 & Luke 9:46-50

Morning Message - "The Kingdom of God: An Unweeded Garden"

-Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor

Sermon Hymn #373 - "Change My Heart, O God"

(1) Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You. You are the potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray (2) *Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You*

Morning Offering

Offertory Music - "You Might Be Wrong" - Paul Thorne
- Shelley Fisher, David Bowen, & Toby Jones

The Doxology

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn #398 - "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

*(1) O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me! Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love-leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest
above! (2) O the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread His praise from shore to
shore! How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore! How he
watches o'er his loved ones, dies to call them all his own; how for them he's
interceding, watching o'er them from the throne! (3) O the deep, deep love of
Jesus, love of every love the best! 'Tis an ocean cast of blessing, 'tis a haven
sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Jesus- 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lift me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!*

Charge & Benediction

Postlude- "Prelude In F Major" by Robert J. Powell

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's ministry with proceeds going directly back into the 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 role, 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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Weekly Schedule

Sunday 04/18	Mon 04/19	Tues 04/20	Wed 04/21	Thurs 04/22	Fri 04/23	Sat 04/24	Sunday 04/25
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship	5:15pm Trustee Mtg 6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am <i>"Puzzling Over the Parables"</i> Study (Zoom & In-person) 11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours		11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours			10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship

Charlevoix Ministerial Association Hours

Reminder: The church has started servicing CMA clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. We ask that you be extra mindful of these folks and their privacy during those times. If you need to visit the office, please try to do so outside of CMA hours or give the office a quick call first! Thank you for your understanding and patience while we adjust to this new and vital ministry.

Prayer Requests

Prayers	Jim Pletz, Alice Pletz-Miller's brother, is suffering from health issues from Parkinson's disease & had a fall in Feb. and tore his rotator cuff.	Michael Fifelski- In the Intensive Care Unit at Henry Ford Hospital, waiting for a liver transplant (Lani Ochs)
	Steve Libert- on the death of his sister Pam	MaryAnn Ogden, breast cancer surgery on April 6th.
	Charlie Johnson, Bruce & Joyce Herbert's 16 year old grandson, brain Surgery on April 9th	

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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