

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

## Sunday May 2, 2021



"God entered a world of ungrace, and proclaimed that there was a new economy emerging, an economy of undeserved grace, an economy where a widow's pennies count more than a rich man's millions, where an employer pays the Johnny-come-latelies the same amount as his trusted regulars, where a criminal who repents on his deathbed gets the same reward as the one who lived his entire life for Christ. This is the atrocious math of the Gospel." - from Phillip Yancey's *What's So Amazing About Grace*.

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Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 3:30 pm  
CMA Hours: Tues & Thurs: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude- "Grace Flows Down" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #422 "Amazing Grace" (vs 1, 2, & 4)

*(1) Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. (2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! (4) Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Matthew 20:1-16 (The Message Translation)

Music for Reflection

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Luke 23:32-43 (The Message Translation)

Morning Message: "Grace: You Can Take It...But Can You Dish It Out?"  
-Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor

Sermon Hymn - #571 "Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

*(1) Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you; plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do. First a passion for your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release. (2) Teach us how to work together, brothers, sister, side by side, equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old; help us to use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold. (3) Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife, seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision to blest reality.*

Morning Offering

Offertory Music- "Amazing Grace" arr. by Joel Raney  
The Doxology

Morning Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

## Closing Hymn - #557 "Pass It On"

*(1) It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing; that's how it is with God's love, once you've experience it: you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on. (2) What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding, and birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming; that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it: you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. (3) I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found- on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound; I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know: the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

## Charge & Benediction

## Postlude

National Entertainer

# Myrna Blackwood Hunt

Live in Concert

Wed, May 12, 7:00—8:00 pm

at Charlevoix Cinema



Proceeds Benefit Joppa House Ministries

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For info, call organizer Janet Chambers  
at 814-308-3168

# Weekly Schedule

Sunday 05/02	Mon 05/03	Tues 05/04	Wed 05/05	Thurs 05/06	Fri 05/07	Sat 05/08	Sunday 05/09
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship  Safe Church Mtg	6:00 pm Product Pantry	10:00 am <i>"Puzzling Over the Parables"</i> Study (Zoom & In-person)  11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours	3:30pm Outreach Mtg	11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours			10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship  Mother's Day

**Charlevoix Ministerial Association Reminder:** The church has started serving CMA clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please try to be extra mindful of these folks and their privacy during those times. As always, you are welcome to come to the church anytime you need, we just ask that if you see Leah in conversation with someone you don't know in the office, just wait over in Ransom Hall until she finishes. It will probably only be a minute or two. If you need to have a conversation with Toby or Leah during those hours, it might be best to call ahead to check the schedule. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we adjust to this new and vital ministry!

## Prayer Requests

<b>Prayers</b>	<p><b>Family of Loretta Towsley, she passed away after a lengthy bout of cancer (Julia Heddle)</b></p> <p>Virginia Scharschmidt, recuperating in rehab from a broken hip, prayers for a speedy recovery</p> <p>Jim Pletz, Alice Pletz-Miller's brother, is suffering from health issues from Parkinson's disease &amp; had a fall in Feb. and tore his rotator cuff.</p>	<p>Charlie Johnson, Bruce &amp; Joyce Herbert's 16 year old grandson, brain Surgery on April 9th</p> <p>Michael Fifelski- In the Intensive Care Unit at Henry Ford Hospital, waiting for a liver transplant (Lani Ochs)</p> <p>Steve Libert- on the death of his sister Pam</p>
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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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