

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 8, 2021



"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." - Acts 2:1-4

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Gathering Music – Songs from The Drawbridge Uke Band

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn # 504 – “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” (The Drawbridge Uke Band)

1st Reading - Ezekiel 36:24-28 offered by Kris Jones

Music for Reflection – “Do Lord” (The Drawbridge Uke Band)

2nd Reading - Acts 2:1-21 offered by Kris Jones

Morning Message – “A Mighty Wind: The Arrival of the Spirit” offered by Toby Jones, Pastor

Sermon Hymn – #430 “Be Not Afraid”

Morning Offering

Offertory Music – “I Saw the Light” (The Drawbridge Uke Band)

Special Commissioning Prayer- The EarthKeepers Leadership Team

The Doxology – ***“Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen”***

Morning Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer

***“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen.”***

Closing Hymn – “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” (The Drawbridge Uke Band)

Charge & Benediction

Postlude – “You Are My Sunshine”- (The Drawbridge Uke Band)

The Drawbridge Uke Band is an eclectic group of fun-loving folks who enjoy playing ukulele and singing together. Our mission is to spread the fun of playing the ukulele to as many people as possible. The core group is made up of about 25 strummers that meet on a weekly basis around Charlevoix. The skill levels vary from one-chord beginners to finger-picking virtuosos. All are welcome to join as long as they follow our two cardinal rules: no criticizing and no throwing fruit.



We have been together in one form or another since about 2015. In 2017, we officially became the Drawbridge Uke Band. We probably have over 700 songs in our songbook, mostly from the '20s up to the '80s.

Drawbridge does gigs around town, too. We played at The American House, Boulder Park, The Circle of Arts and the band shell in East Park to name a few. Our motto is: "We play for free and quit for money!" The weekly strums are usually held in a local tavern so we can play in front of a few "fans".

The ukuleles that we play are not just "cute, little guitars." They differ in many ways, they only have 4 strings, are small & easy to transport, are a lot easier to play and make anyone smile when you pull it out of the case. Most of us suffer from UAS – ukulele acquisition syndrome and are collectors of various types and sizes of instruments.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 504

B \flat B \flat + G \flat m B \flat B \flat B \flat /D D \flat dim7 Cm7 F7 E \flat /F F7 E \flat /F B \flat

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat Edim7 B \flat /F F7 D.C. for Refrain B \flat

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Be Not Afraid

Verse 1:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus

1 You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of

G D/F# C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G

thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the

D/F# G B7 Em Am C F

way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-

D G Em A A7 D D7

stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

G Gsus G D Am7 D G6 C G/B

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways. Come, fol - low

Bm Em Am D G Gsus G Gsus G C/G G

me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus

2 If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not

G D/F# C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G

drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames, you shall not be

D/F# G B7 Em Am C F

harm - ed. If you stand be - fore the power of hell and death is at your

D G Em Am Am/G D D7 to Refrain

side, know that I am with you through it all.

Verse 3:

G Gsus G Gsus G Gsus G D/F#

3 Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be theirs.

C Csus2 C C/B Am Am/G D/F#

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

G B7 Em Am C F

And if wick - ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be - cause of

D G Em Am Am/G D D7 to Refrain

me, bless - ed, bless - ed are you!

As we're sure you've all been reading and hearing, Covid 19 is once again on the rise in this country. Cases are elevating back to some of the highest numbers we've seen since the peak of the pandemic. The vast majority of these cases seem to be affecting the unvaccinated populations – those choosing not to get vaccinated AND those children under 12 who are still not able to get vaccinated. However, there are some instances, particularly involving the Delta variant, where even some vaccinated folks have gotten the virus – usually with mild to moderate symptoms not requiring hospitalization – and have spread it to others.

None of us wants to return to the days of shutting the church down and staying home for weeks and months on end, and I'm equally certain that we don't even want to go back to having to talk about Covid all the time. But in the interest of keeping everyone at our church as safe as possible, there are some prudent steps and precautions we want to be sure we are taking as we enter another uncertain time.

First, we want to encourage everyone to get vaccinated, if not for ourselves, for the growing number of children under 12 in our congregation who can't yet get vaccinated and whom we mustn't expose to the virus.

Second, if for some reason you are not vaccinated, please wear your mask at all church events – inside and outside – and socially distance yourself from all other folks by at least 6 feet at all times. If you are not vaccinated, we must insist that you refrain from singing – whether with the choir or with the congregation at large – as we know that singing puts a far greater amount of droplets out into the air. We have a number of people in our congregation who are immuno-compromised or suppressed due to things like cancer treatments, and it is not fair to them for our church to be a place where they cannot come safely.

Third, the CDC just issued some new guidelines in light of the new rise in cases and given some new research on the variants, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has declared our region at sufficient risk, requiring the full implementation of the new CDC guidelines. Therefore, all our indoor gatherings, effective immediately, require us to mask-up. So that means when weather forces our worship indoors, all of us, vaccinated or not, need to wear masks. Singing indoors will have to be done in masks as well for the time being. None of us likes returning to these restrictive measures, but the greater good – particularly for our children's sake and for the sake of the immune-compromised among us – requires us to take these precautionary measures.

Just to clarify, when we are worshipping outdoors together, the only people required to wear masks will be those who are not vaccinated and those who feel safer wearing them. The most recent guidelines have more to do with protecting the greatest number of people when we are indoors due to increased transmission risk.

Thank you for your consideration of others in these important public health matters and know that we will continue to keep you informed as more information comes our way. Our goal is to put your safety first while also trying to continue our ability to gather as a family of faith.

-Toby Jones, Pastor & Bill Wadland, Chair of Trustees

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Just visit our website at www.chxucc.org. There you will find previous newsletters, Tuesday Bible Study, Forms, Virtual Worship, Sunday Bulletins, Tips and Tricks, Online Giving, the Photo Directory, the newly revised By-Laws, and much, much more! Don't forget to use this valuable tool to stay up-to-date with all the exciting things happening!

Safe Conduct Policy Info

We have approved our safe Conduct Policy and encourage all participants to read it so anyone who enters our building can be sure to receive safe & positive treatment. You can find copies of these documents on our website or in the church office.

All Church Picnic Sign-up - August 22, 2021

Please be sure to sign up for our All Church Picnic. Forms can be found during coffee hour or on our website.



Church Muffin Sale- August 14, 2021 (Band Shell)

Please sign up to help with our annual muffin fundraiser. There are many ways to help! When signing up you will be asked how many units you are signing up for. Feel free to sign up for multiples. You can find the link to sign-up on our website at www.chxucc.org. Thank you!



Sunday 08/08	Mon 08/09	Tues 08/10	Wed 08/11	Thurs 08/12	Fri 08/13	Sat 08/14	Sunday 08/15
8:45a First Light Service 10:30a In-Person & live-streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour	Toby works from Home 6:00p Products & Diaper Pantry	10:00a Who & What is the Holy Spirit? Study Zoom & In-person 11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours 5:15p Diaconate Meeting Leah Off	9:00a Gardening	11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours 7:00p Choir Rehearsal			8:45a First Light Service 10:30a In-Person & live-streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour
EarthKeepers Nature Camp							

Prayer Requests To submit a Prayer Request please visit our website at chxucc.org	<p>Shaina Oneill-Butler, Marge McGoff's granddaughter, has had a serious return of breast cancer after surgery & treatment. She has two children, ages 6 and 3 years old.</p> <p>Jesse Hitsman, Jack & Sherrel Bergman's granddaughter, is struggling to recover from meningitis & encephalitis.</p> <p>The family of Jack Lehmkuhl, Ron & Linda Moore's brother-in-law who passed away recently.</p>	<p>Cynthia Postmus passed away on July 26th. Please pray for Roger, and their 3 daughters Liz, Holly, and Katie.</p> <p>Michelle Steffey was diagnosed with breast cancer (Lani Ochs)</p> <p>Sharron Matthew, having a lot of falls and complications (Roger Waters)</p> <p>Nancy Schairbaum, Phil & Ginnie's sister-in-law, was diagnosed with breast cancer and is in treatment.</p>
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FirstLight Service at 8:45 am
Michigan Beach Gazebo
 This group will meet down at Michigan Beach every Sunday morning between Memorial Day and Labor Day EXCEPT August 22nd

Check out our Weekly Newsletter published on our website every Thursday! Not on our email list? Email or call the church office and we will be happy to add you!
 231-547-9122 or office@chxucc.org

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