



Sunday, October 22, 2023

(September/October Reaching Out Focus: Hunger)



**“Hope is being able to see that there is light
despite all of the darkness.”**

- Desmond Tutu

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

Tolling of the Bell - our reminder to quiet ourselves inside *and* out for worship

Welcome

A Moment for Mindfulness - *Led by George Davis-Williams*

Opening Hymn - #466 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

1st Scripture Reading - Proverbs 4:10-19

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:13-16

Morning Message - “My Little Light?,” *offered by George Davis-Williams*

Sermon Hymn - “This Little Light of Mine,” *offered by Shelley Fisher, Toby Jones, & Bill Trubilowicz*

Offering

Offertory Music

Doxology - *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Her above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen”*

Morning Prayers

*“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 - #614 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Charge and Benediction - “Prisms of Hope,” *offered by George Davis - Williams*

Postlude

Guest Pastor: George Davis-Williams



We are joined this morning by a special guest pastor. George Davis-Williams is a Member of Discernment with the United Northern Association where Toby is his mentor. He is a member of the Cadillac First Congregational Church UCC. He's a student at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and about three-quarters of the way through school. George is a registered nurse for the local health department and intends on working bi-vocationally as a nurse and as an ordained supply minister for rural congregations as they are seeking a called minister.

After being raised Methodist, George felt called back to the Church after University and was guided to the UCC by a colleague. This was the beginning of answering a lifelong call to ministry, getting married to the man he loves, and starting a family. Without their support, his seminary journey would not be possible.

George Davis-Williams, his husband Leif (8th-grade teacher), and their son Matthew (second grade) live in Lake City and enjoy all things camping and outdoors. They have two dogs, two cats, and six wonderful chickens.

Please help welcome him back to 1st Congregational UCC!

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to fill many of our open spots for the following areas:

- * Greeters
- * Coffee Hour
- * Lay Reader



We know that you have had a busy summer, but your help in a few of these areas this fall and winter will mean a whole lot to everyone. Many hands make light work!

Please contact the office, or sign up on the bulletin board across from the office today!

All-Church Meeting Nov. 5!!




There will be an All-Church Meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2023 immediately after service, in order to elect officers and committee members starting in 2024. Your voice is very important, so please plan on staying and participating!

Thank you!

Sunday 10/22	Mon 10/23	Tues 10/24	Wed 10/25	Thurs 10/26	Fri 10/27	Sat 10/28	Sunday 10/29
<p>10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship <i>Guest Pastor:</i> <i>George Davis-Williams</i></p> <p>11:30a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6p Personal Pantry</p> <p>7p CLIC Meeting Ransom Hall</p>	<p>10a Scripture Discussion Group - Live & via Zoom</p> <p>11a-2p CMA Hours</p> <p>4:15p Rainbow Shoppe Directors Mtg Ransom Hall</p>	<p>5:30p Uke Group</p>	<p>11a-2p CMA Hours</p> <p>6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>			<p>10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship <i>Guest Pastor:</i> <i>Tom Cook</i></p> <p><i>Greeters:</i> <i>Pam Ballard</i></p> <p>11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by:</i> <i>Pam & Kenzie Ballard, Mary Duggan Miriam Crump</i></p>

<p>Prayer Requests/ Celebrations: To submit a Prayer Request please visit our website at chxucc.org or call the office at <u>231-547-9122</u></p> <p>Please be sure to get permission from the person needing prayers.</p>	<p>Please continue to pray for the victims and the hostages of the war in Israel.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for Janine Jones, Toby's sister-in-law, as she recovers from brain surgery.</p> <p>Please pray for Carol Ochs, Lani Ochs' daughter-in-law, as she undergoes cancer treatment.</p>
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