



# 1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024

*(Sept./Oct. Reaching Out Focus: Community & Civic Duties)*

*All-Church Meeting*



**Holiness**



**Compassion**

“Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

*~Luke 10:36*

# Welcome to our church family!

## Gathering Music

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

## Welcome

**Opening Hymn** - #136 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” (v. 1-3)

**Morning Message** - **“The Trajectory of God’s Will”**

*Offered by Toby Jones, Pastor*

*Scripture Readings, offered by Suzanne Balter*

*Leviticus 11:41-46*

*Ezra 9:1-4*

*Deuteronomy 10:17-19*

*Luke 10:25-37*

*Colossians 3:12-17*

**Message Hymn** - #353 “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

## Offering

**Offertory**

**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** - #595 “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” (v. 1-3)

**Calling the Congregational Meeting to Order**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**



### *A Special Invitation for Our Newer Participants...*

If you have been worshipping and participating with us for @ 18 months or less and have not yet attended one of our New Participant Brunches, this invitation is for you!

When you find a new church and start attending, it's not always easy to meet people and find your place. We have found that it can be really fun and informative for all of our newest participants to gather for a simple brunch with Toby and a few other seasoned veterans. We'll be having such a gathering on Sunday, November 3 right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We'll provide the sandwiches and drinks; we just need you to join us, if you'd like to get to know some other new folks and learn a bit more about 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church of Christ.

All you have to do in order to join us is let Toby or Stacey (in the office) know that you'll be attending. (email [toby@chxuucc.org](mailto:toby@chxuucc.org) or [office@chxuucc.org](mailto:office@chxuucc.org) to RSVP.) The gathering will go from 11:45 to 1:00 at the latest. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

### *Do You Need Help Getting to the Polls?*

November 5th, Election Day, is fast approaching. It is especially important this election that we all exercise our right to vote.



Charlevoix County Transit is pleased to offer no cost rides to polling stations in your district on Nov. 5. If you would like a ride to your place to cast your vote, please call or email the church, and we will be sure to arrange transportation for you. If you want to vote early, we can help with that as well!

The office # is 231-547-9122, or you can email the church at [office@chxuucc.org](mailto:office@chxuucc.org) to request a ride. Please be sure to include your contact information in the email.

**Be sure your voice is heard this election day!**

Sunday 10/27	Mon 10/28	Tues 10/29	Wed 10/30	Thurs 10/31	Fri 11/1	Sat 11/2	Sunday 11/3
9a Trustees Mtg  10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship  11:30a All-Church Mtg  12p Outside Fall Cleanup  Coffee Hour During Cleanup <i>Hosted by The Morris'</i>	6p Personal Pantry	10a Scripture Discussion Group  11a-2p CMA Hours	5p Uke Band Practice  6p Choir Rehearsal	11a-2p CMA Hours			<i>Communion</i>  10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship  11:45a New Participant Lunch  <u><i>NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY!</i></u>

<p><b>Prayer Requests/ Celebrations: To submit a Prayer Request please visit our website at chxuucc.org or call the office at <u>231-547-9122</u></b></p> <p><b>Please be sure to get permission from the person needing prayers.</b></p>	<p>Please continue to pray for the victims of Hurricane Milton in Florida.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for the victims and the people affected by Hurricane Helene in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for Dolores Cain as she remains in hospice care.</p>
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## Donations for Hurricane Victims

Would you like to donate to victims of the recent hurricanes in the South? The United Church of Christ has set up a donation page for that reason. Please go to [support.ucc.org/hurricane-Helene-relief](https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-Helene-relief) to get more information and to find out how to donate. You can send money through that page, or send a check directly to the UCC. That address is : **United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194**. Please be sure to note "Hurricane Helene" in the memo section of your check.

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