



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, October 8, 2023

(September/October Reaching Out Focus: Hunger)



“For I was sick and you looked after me...”

- Matthew 25:36

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #391 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

1st Scripture Reading - Matthew 25:31-40

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - James 1:27, I Corinthians 12:24b-27

Morning Message - Becoming a Practicing Congregation - Part VI
“Visiting the Sick & Lonely,” *offered by Toby Jones*

Sermon Hymn - #495 “Stand by Me”

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 - #559 “Here I Am Lord”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Reminder for After Service Today!



Join us for FREE PIZZA and a MOVIE!!

Sunday, November 5, 2023

4pm - 7pm

Ransom Hall



In the 1970s, a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California in search of truth and all kinds of liberation. A charismatic street preacher encounters a pastor of dying traditional church and challenges him and his congregation to their very core. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history.

There will be a discussion led by Toby Jones after the movie.

In order to plan for the pizza and refreshments, sign up forms will be available on the table outside the sanctuary and in next week's bulletin.




Please join us for
Coffee Hour on
the Back Porch
during the cleanup

Coffee Hour Host

*Kris Jones
&
The Wadlands*

Sunday 10/8	Mon 10/9	Tues 10/10	Wed 10/11	Thurs 10/12	Fri 10/13	Sat 10/14	Sunday 10/15
10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship Greeters: <i>Dave & Nancy Jones</i> 11:30a FALL CHURCH CLEANUP REFRESHMENTS ON THE BACK PORCH <i>Hosted by Kris Jones & The Wadlands</i>	6p Personal Pantry	10a Scripture Discussion Group - Live & via Zoom 11a-2p CMA Hours 5p Reaching In Mtg - ZOOM ONLY	5:30p Uke Group	11a-2p CMA Hours 6:30p Choir Rehearsal			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by: Bud & Teri Stout</i>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p>Stacey Out of Office</p> <p>10/11 afternoon &</p> <p>10/12 all day</p> </div>							

<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 pray for the family of Dave Strawbridge. Dave passed on September 26.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for Margaret Rogel's Family (Sharon Schultz's mother) as they cope with her passing.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for Vera McKown as she continues her rehab at the hospital.</p>
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 391

Unison

D $\frac{Em}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant,
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you,
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing,
 5 When we sing to God and heav - en,

$\frac{Em}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D A G $\frac{D}{F\#}$

let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might
 here to - geth - er on the road; we are here to
 in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your
 we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've

Em7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 Bm G $\frac{D}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G $\frac{G}{A}$ A7 D

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Gillard (1953-)

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Stand by Me

495

E_b **A_b** **E_b**

1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me; when the
 2 In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, stand by me; in the
 3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me; in the
 4 When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, stand by me; when I'm

E_b **B_b7sus** **B_b7**

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E_b **E_b** **B_b** **Bdim7** **Cm**

world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea,
 hosts of sin as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,
 done the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,
 life be - comes a bur - den, and I'm near - ing chil - ly Jor - dan,

E_b **B_b** **A_b** **B_b** **E_b**

thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand my me.
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley, stand by me.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

G Am D7 C
G G G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7 D D G Am D7
G G F# C G G G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

C G D G Em
G G G G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D **Refrain**
 D7 F#

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

a tempo
 G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G

am. Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7 G Am G/B C6 D D/F# D

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G G/C G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G G/C G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.