



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, March 30, 2025

(Mar/Apr. Reaching Out Focus: Affordable Childcare & Development)



"A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head..."

- Mark 4:26-28

Welcome to our church family!

Tolling of the Bell—our reminder to quiet ourselves inside & out for worship

Gathering Music - “Your Hands,” *by J.J. Heller, offered by Toby Jones & Shelley Fisher*

*Chorus: “When my world is shaking,
 Heaven stands,
 When my heart is breaking,
 I never leave your hands.”*

Opening Hymn - #111 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

1st Scripture Reading - Isaiah 42:1-4, *offered by Denise Fate*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Mark 4:26-34, *offered by Denise Fate*

Morning Message -

“The Power of the Parables - Seeds and the Kingdom of God (Part 1)”
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - #515 “Hymn of Promise”

Offering

Choral Offertory Music - “God of Little Things,” *by Benjamin Brody*

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”***

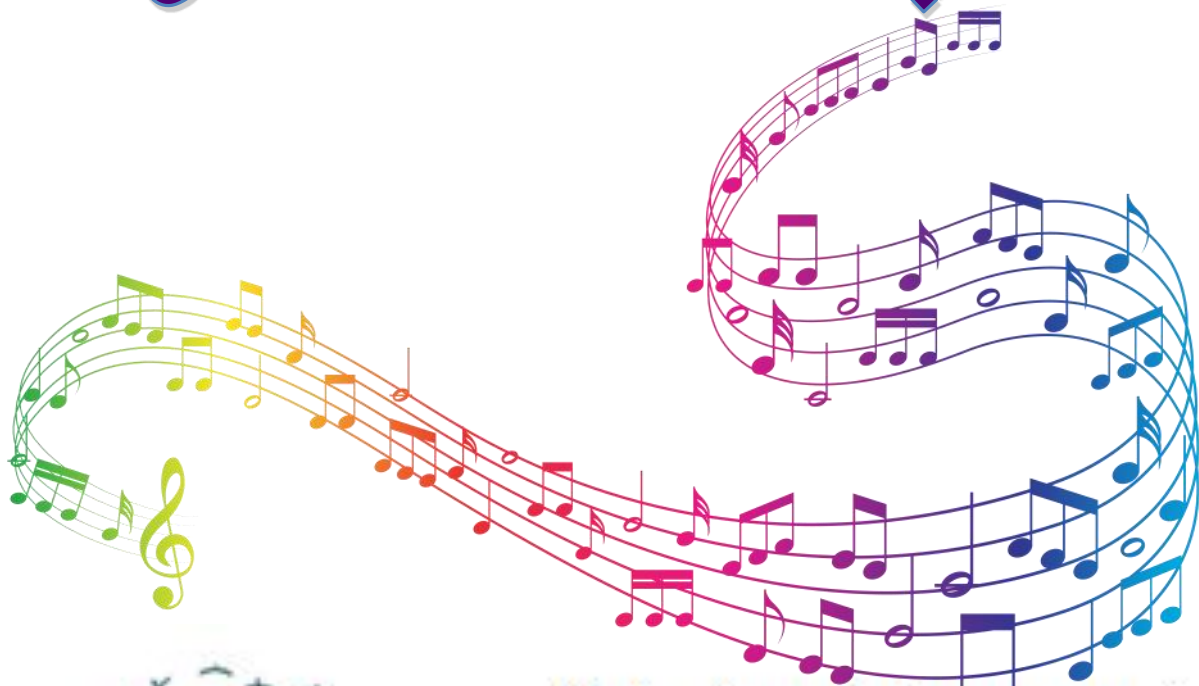
Morning Prayers - The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn - #252 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Join Our Choir!



Choir rehearsals have resumed weekly on Wednesday evenings at a new time: from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. If you love to sing, please join us. New friends are always welcome!

If you are interested in joining in, please contact Shelley at r.shelley.fisher@gmail.com.

Sunday 3/30	Mon 3/31	Tues 4/1	Wed 4/2	Thurs 4/3	Fri 4/4	Sat 4/5	Sunday 4/6
10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation	6p Personal Pantry	10a SCRIPTURE GROUP 11a-2p CMA Hours 4:30p Reaching In Mtg	5p Uke Band Practice 5p Centering Prayer/ Meditation Group 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	11a-2p CMA HOURS			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation

**Prayer Requests/
Celebrations: To submit a
Prayer Request
please visit our website at
chxucc.org or call the office
at 231-547-9122**

**Please be sure to get
permission from the person
needing prayers.**

Please continue to pray for Jennifer Carroll and her family after the passing of her son-in-law, Craig.

Please continue to pray for Vance Wood and his family after the passing of his sister, Sharon Emerson.



Hosted by:
**Mary Duggan, Mariam Crump,
Pam Ballard & Kinzie Ballard**



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*Toby Jones, Pastor * Shelley Fisher, Music Minister
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