



# 1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, April 13, 2025

*(Mar/Apr. Reaching Out Focus: Strengthening Community Bridges)*

*Palm Sunday*



“As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, ‘O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...if only you had known on this day what would bring you peace. But it seems to be hidden from your eyes...’”

- Luke 19:41-42

# Welcome to our church family!

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

**Gathering Music** - “Stand in Your Love”

**Opening Hymn** - #265 “All God, Laud and Honor,” (v. 1, 2, & 5)

**1st Scripture Reading** - Mark 11:1-11

**Music for Reflection**

**2nd Scripture Reading** - Mark 12:1-12

**Morning Message** -

**“The Power of the Parables - The Wicked Tenants”**

*Offered by Toby Jones*

**Song for Reflection** - “The Jesus Way,” by *Phil Wickham* (see lyrics next page)

**Offering**

**Choral Offertory Music** - “The Head That Once Was Crowned,” by *David Lantz III*

**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** - #267 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**





## The Jesus Way, by Phil Wickham

If you curse me, then I will bless you  
If you hurt me, I will forgive  
And if you hate me, then I will love you  
I choose the Jesus way

If you're helpless, I will defend you  
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight  
And if you're hopeless, then let me show you  
There's hope in the Jesus way

**CHORUS: I follow Jesus  
I follow Jesus  
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name  
He is the treasure  
He is the answer  
Oh, I choose the Jesus way**

If you strike me, I will embrace you  
And if you chain me, I'll sing His praise  
And if you kill me, my home is heaven  
For I choose the Jesus way

### **REPEAT CHORUS**

And I choose surrender  
I choose to love  
Oh, God my Savior, You'll always be enough  
I choose forgiveness  
I choose grace  
I choose to worship, no matter what I face

I choose the Jesus way  
I choose the Jesus way  
I choose the Jesus way  
I choose the Jesus way

### **REPEAT CHORUS**

Sunday 4/13	Mon 4/14	Tues 4/15	Wed 4/16	Thurs 4/17	Fri 4/18	Sat 4/19	Sunday 4/20
 <p>10:30a In-Person &amp; Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>11:30a Coffee &amp; Conversation</p>	<p>6p Personal Pantry</p>	<p>10a SCRIPTURE GROUP</p> <p>11a-2p CMA Hours</p>	<p>5p Uke Band Practice</p> <p>5p Centering Prayer/ Meditation Group</p> <p>6:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11a-2p CMA HOURS</p>	 <p>Good Friday Service 12 pm at 1st Baptist Church-CHX 6781 M-66</p>		 <p>10:30a In-Person &amp; Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>NO COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION HOUR</p>

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

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

Please pray for those effected by the recent historic ice storm in Northern Michigan, and pray for the line workers who have been working diligently to restore power to those who are still without, and for those who helped and gave so generously of their time, talents, and goods during this time.

Please pray for the victims of the theater collapse in the Dominican Republic.



*We need hosts! Please sign up on  
the board across from the office.*

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*Toby Jones, Pastor \* Shelley Fisher, Music Minister  
Stacey Luoma, Office Manager \* Larry Minch, Custodian  
Lynette Webb, Childcare Supervisor*

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