



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, July 5, 2026

Communion



"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

- Thomas Merton

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music - “Love in 5 Verses” *by Toby Jones*

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #723 “Fruit of All Creation

1st Scripture Readings - Leviticus 25:1-7, & Psalm 104:10-27, *offered by Suzanne Balter*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 12:12-27, *offered by Suzanne Balter*

Morning Message - **“The Bible -
A Declaration of INTERdependence”**
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - “In This Time of Great Reflection”

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Prayer

Offering

Choral 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*

Closing Hymn - #38 “Touch the Earth Lightly,” (*v. 1, 2, & 4*)

Benediction

Postlude



1st CONGREGATIONAL
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Presents

"The Haz-Binz"

A Very Special Sunday Morning!

Sunday, July 19 10:30 service

11:30 music & picnic



Joining us for the service and the picnic will be 70-year-old retired minister Tom Dickelman, who will be at the midpoint of GLiO 1000 - a solo, 26-day 1,000-mile circumnavigation of Lake Michigan on a 12' WaveRunner. What's

behind the adventure? A desire to support research battling glioblastoma/brain cancer and to lead conversations about the importance of hope in our lives. It's going to be a memorable time – join us & bring your friends!



www.glio1000.org



We are looking for volunteers to help with our picnic after the service on the 19th! We need grillers, helium balloon helpers, drink makers, people to provide condiments and other small items. You can call the office to sign up at (231) 547-9122 or sign up on the clip board on the table with the Care Letters in Ransom Hall.

Sunday 7/5	Mon 7/6	Tues 7/7	Wed 7/8	Thurs 7/9	Fri 7/10	Sat 7/11	Sunday 7/12
Communion 10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by The Schairbaums</i>	6p Personal Pantry	10a Prayer Group 11a-2p CMA Hours	5:30p Uke Group Practice	11a-2p CMA Hours 6:30p Choir Rehearsal			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Congregational Mtg 11:30a Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by The Lyons & The Herberts</i>
PLEASE JOIN US  There will be a Congregational Meeting directly after service on Sunday, July 12th. The purpose of this meeting is to authorize the Trustees to use some money from the endowment to pay for an unexpected necessary repair to the outside of our church. Please stay in your seats after the service to participate in this very important vote.							

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

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

Please pray for Delores Cain who is waiting on God to call her home.

Please pray for all the people north of Harbor Springs, Michigan who are experiencing unprecedented flooding along M-119 and Lower Shore Drive, and for all who were effected by the flooding from the storms on Monday.

Please continue to pray for the family of Kathy Krueger as adjust to her passing.



Hosted by:

The Schairbaums



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Love in 5 Verses –
Words & Music by Toby Jones

We've come together – to sing and to praise
God our Creator – all of our days
Serving together – with strength from above
Working for justice – spreading God's love

Love is what calls us – Love is our way
Love is the reason – we gather today
All are God's children – the near and the far
We're here to love you – so come as you are

Jesus unites us – He is God's Word
In flesh from the Father – His voice we have heard
The scriptures can guide us – so we'll understand
God's Word embodied – in one humble man

We reach deep inside us – where the Spirit abides
God gently whispers – to our hearts and our minds
We partner with others – to the world we will go
With love and compassion – as love's seeds we sow

There are no boundaries – where God's love will flow
No one's excluded – from the grace that we know
Our purple doors open – to red and to blue
Come and see with us – what love can do

723 For the Fruit of All Creation

F Fmaj7 B $\flat$ B $\flat$ G G7 C F B $\flat$ Gm C C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

F Fmaj7 B $\flat$ B $\flat$ G G7 C F B $\flat$ Gm C C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F C7 F C7 F C7 Dm B $\flat$ maj9 Gm
D C D A G G B $\flat$

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

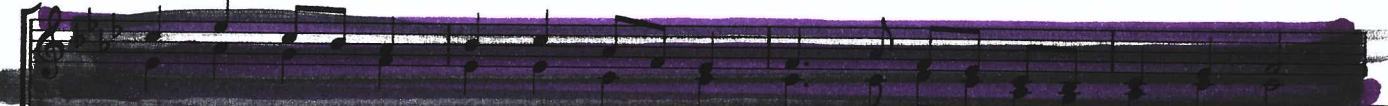
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C A A D B A

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

IN THIS TIME OF GREAT REFLECTION

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2026

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1. In this time of great re - flec - tion on two hun - dred fif - ty years,
 2. Here is what holds us to - geth - er: Mer - cy, love, com - mu - ni - ty.
 3. We re - call our na - tion's sto - ry. Keep us hon - est, God a - bove!
 4. Will we work for ra - cial jus - tice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
 5. In this time, O God, re - store us to the land we're called to be—
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We re - mem - ber, as a na - tion, times we've pros - pered, times of tears.
 We're to seek to care for neigh - bors in a just so - ci - e - ty.
 In our quest for wealth and glo - ry, we have in - jured ones you love.
 What is now the pub - lic wit - ness that you call us to cre - ate?
 where all peo - ple here a - mong us know your blest com - mu - ni - ty.




"We shall be," a prea - cher told us, "as a ci - ty on a hill"—
 If we fail to help the nee - dy and to build a land that's just,
 Through en - slave - ment, through dis - place - ment, we have cho - sen ways of sin.
 As we ce - le - brate our coun - try, help us, Lord, to un - der - stand:
 May we seek to be that ci - ty, not with pride but as a prayer.




not to praise us but to warn us: We've a du - ty to ful - fill.
 we will sim - ply be a by - word as the world looks on at us.
 We've been vio - lent. We've stayed si - lent. So our light of love stays dim.
 All of us must share the boun - ty and the good - ness of the land.
 May we love and serve you hum - bly, in our land and ev - ery - where.



Touch the Earth Lightly

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Unison Bb Eb/Bb F A Gm Dsus G Dm F

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing.

Fb F/Fb Bb/D Cm7 Fsus F

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,

Bb Fsus/Bb F A Gm Dsus G Dm F

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - fleet us, Christ re - con - nect us,

Eb Bb/D Gm Cm7 F 1-3 Bb 4 Bb(no3)

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear,
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete,
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

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