



1st CONGREGATIONAL UCC CHARLEVOIX

Sunday, August 23, 2026

“Do I contradict myself?
Very well then,
I contradict myself.
I am large;
I contain multitudes.”

** - Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass **



Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music - “Love in 5 Verses,” (*v. 1-3*)

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

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn - #504 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

1st Scripture Readings - I Samuel 17:32-37 & II Samuel 11:1-5
Offered by Chuck Gaputis

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Romans 7:15-25, *offered by Chuck Gaputis*

Morning Message - “Embracing Contradictions in Ourselves AND
In Our Neighbors”
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - SOG #54 “God, We’ve Come from Families & Homes”

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

Closing Hymn - #354 “Just as I Am,” (*v. 1, 3, & 4*)”

Benediction

Postlude

Dancing in the GARDEN of Gratitude A CELEBRATION PICNIC

*We will honor our 2026 accomplishments
and lay the financial foundation for 2027*

 **SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**
— 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM —

RAIN OR SHINE!

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*Open doors. Open hearts.
Open to all.*

*Bring a
dish to pass
or dessert
that will go
well with
Lion's Club
Chicken*



LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES



Sunday 8/23	Mon 8/24	Tues 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thurs 8/27	Fri 8/28	Sat 8/29	Sunday 8/30
10:30a Worship		10a Prayer Group		11a-2p CMA Hours			10:30a Worship
11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Julie Geyer & Jeff Kloiber</i>		11a-2p CMA Hours		6:30p Choir Rehearsal			11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Potluck Collaboration</i>
11:45a Trustees Meeting		Toby Out - Eloise's College Move In Day!					

**Prayer
Requests/
Celebrations**

to submit a request,
please visit our website at
www.CHXUCC.org,
or call the office at
(231) 547-9122.


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

Please pray for Julie White and Lyla Whitney Baier as they go through their treatments for Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Julie is Tim & Murphy Watt's neighbor's daughter-in-law, and Lyla is Murphy's cousin.

Please continue to pray for the victims of the natural disasters that have occurred around the world, such as the earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and wildfires.

Please continue to pray for Meg & Steve Hargreaves' grandson, Miles Hargreaves Mitchell.

Please continue to pray for Alice Pletz-Miller as she continues radiation treatment for her cancer.

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

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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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

504

B $\flat$ B $\flat$ + $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ B $\flat$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ D $\flat$ dim7 Cm7 F7 $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ F7 $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ B $\flat$

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

B $\flat$ B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ Edim7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F7 D.C. for Refrain B $\flat$

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
Irregular

54. God, We Have Come from Our Families and Homes

God, we have come from our families and homes,
Seeking the things that will make us all one.
For we know now—the things that divide
And how divisions have hurt us inside.

You sent us Jesus, who prayed for his own:
“Make them all one so your love will be known.”
Making new friends—may we understand
We are love’s bearers throughout every land.

Great strength and might will not bring us success—
Yet by your Spirit our lives will be blest!
Give us new dreams—of what life can be;
Help us to work for a new harmony.

Lord, as we worship and sightsee and play,
And as we listen to what others say,
Days turn to weeks—until this time ends;
Gathered as strangers, may we leave as friends.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10 (“Be Thou My Vision”), Irish Ballad.

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Just As I Am

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1 Just as I am, with out one plea
 2 Just as I am, and wait ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a bout
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re ceive,

but that thy blood was shed for me,
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 with man y a con flict, man y a doubt,
 wilt wel come, par don, cleanse, re lieve;

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 to fight thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 be cause and thy prom ise I be lieve,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!