



1st CONGREGATIONAL
UCC
CHARLEVOIX

Sunday, August 30, 2026



Welcome to our church family!

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

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

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn - #473 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1st Scripture Readings - I Samuel 18:1-5 & I Samuel 20:1-15
Offered by Suzanne Balter

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Ruth 1:1-18, *offered by Suzanne Balter*

Morning Message - “The Way Our Friendships Shape Our Identities”
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - #704 “We Meet as Friends at the Table,” (*v. 1-3*)

Offering

Choral 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 - “With a Little Help from My Friends,” *by The Beatles*

Benediction

Postlude - “Everybody,” *by John Prine*

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 8/30	Mon 8/31	Tues 9/1	Wed 9/2	Thurs 9/3	Fri 9/4	Sat 9/5	Sunday 9/6
10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Potluck Collaboration</i>		10a Prayer Group 11a-2p CMA Hours		9a Reaching In Meeting 11a-2p CMA Hours 6:30p Choir Rehearsal			<i>Communion</i> 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation



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 Barb Wilson as she recovers from a serious fall. Please also pray for her as she copes with the passing of her son, Jim, from a fall himself.

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

Please continue to pray for Alice Pletz-Miller as she continues on her cancer journey.

*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

473 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

704 We Meet as Friends at Table

Unison
N.C. C Em7 F2 F Dm
F Dm7 C G

1 We meet as friends at ta - ble, to lis - ten, and be heard, u -
2 With food and drink for shar - ing the ta - ble soon is spread. The
3 We share our lives and long - ings, and when the meal is done we
4 Ful - filled, and glad to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ may lead, we

F Dm7 C
E Am7 Dm7 Dm7
A G7sus G7 F
G

nit - ed by the Spir - it, at - ten - tive to the Word. Through
free - dom meal of Je - sus is crowned with wine and bread, and
pray as friends at ta - ble, and prom - ise to be one. To
jour - ney from the ta - ble to love a world in need with

C Em7 F2 F Dm
F Dm7 C G

prayer and con ver - sa - tion we tune our var - ied views to
all, with - out ex - cep - tion, may eat, and speak, and stay, for
Christ, and to each oth - er, we cheer - ful - ly be - long: a -
pa - tience, truth and kind - ness, that jus - tice may in - crease and

F Dm7 C
E Am7 Dm7 Dm
G G7 C

Christ, whose love has made us the bear - ers of good news.
this is Christ's own ta - ble where none are turned a - way.
part, our hope is fruit - less; to - geth - er, we are strong.
all may sit at ta - ble in free - dom, joy, and peace.

With A Little Help From My Friends

What would you do if I sang out of tune?
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song,
And I'll try not to sing out of key.

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, I get high with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, gonna try with a little help from my friends.

What do I do when my love is away?
Does it worry you to be alone?
How do I feel by the end of the day?
Are you sad because you're on your own?

No, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, I get high with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, gonna try with a little help from my friends.

Do you need anybody?
I need somebody to love.
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love.

Would you believe in a love at first sight?
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time.
What do you see when you turn out the light?
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine.

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, I get high with a little help from my friends.
Oh, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends.

Do you need anybody?
I just need someone to love.
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love.

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends.
Oh, I get high with a little help from my friends.

Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends,
With a little help from my friends. Ah.