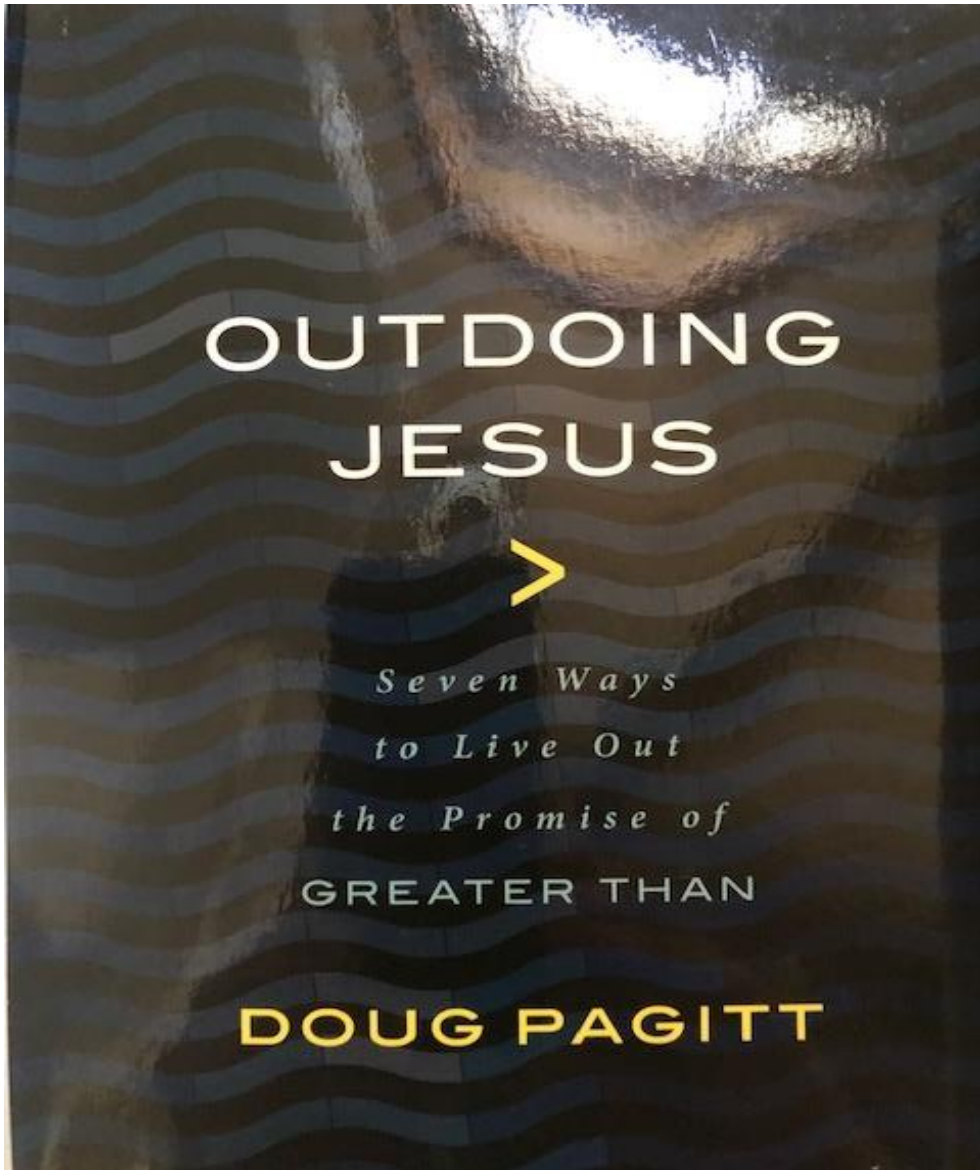


First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 5, 2021



“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these...” (John 14:12)

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude - Special Guitar Music Offered by John Warstler

Welcome

Opening Hymn #148 “Come, Thou Almighty King” (vs 1, 3 &4)

First Reading – Exodus 3:10-12, 4:1-7 & 10-13

Music for Reflection Special Guitar Music Offered by John Warstler

Second Reading – John 14:8-14

Morning Message – “It’s Time to Take Jesus at His Word” Offered by
Toby Jones, Pastor

Sermon Hymn #104 - “Hidden Christ, Alive for Ever” (vs 1, 3, &5)

Morning Offering

Offertory Music Special Guitar Music Offered by John Warstler

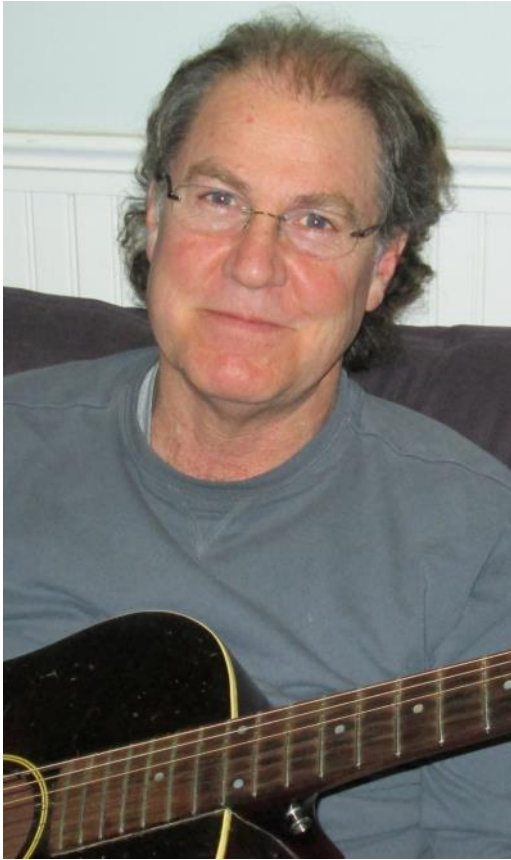
Doxology- *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen”*

Morning Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

*“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.”*

Closing Hymn #135 “Loving Spirit”

Benediction and Charge



Special Musical Guest -- John Warstler

John Warstler began his musical career in an unusual way: he was born with a stuttering disorder, and music helped him cope. He eventually became a speech pathologist as well as a professional musician. These days, he's not only recording in the studio and playing tunes at various venues, he's also "Mr. John" to Northern Michigan school children. In addition to working with students with speech disorders, he uses his music to teach learning readiness skills to kindergartners through second graders.

Weekly Newsletter

Check out our Weekly Newsletter published on our website every Thursday at www.chxucc.org

Not on our email list?

Email the church office and we will be happy to add you!

Come, Thou Almighty King 148

1 Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise: Fa - ther, all
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend: come, and thy
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour: thou who al -
 prais - es be hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess:
 might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

Hidden Christ, Alive for Ever 104

F $\frac{F}{E}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 $\frac{C7}{G}$ F

1 Hid - den Christ, a - live for ev - er, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Friend and Lord,
 2 End - less or - bits by our plan - et spin - ning round its speed - ing star
 3 Still your life and way of liv - ing, God - re - veal - ing, Spir - it - blown,
 4 Who can tell, through earth - ly e - ons, all your lov - ing power has done,
 5 Christ our hope, a - live a - mong us, take our love, our work, our prayer.

$\frac{C}{E}$ Am $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ F Gsus G7 C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{G}$ Am $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ G7 C

year by year, un - seen, you of - fer life un - dy - ing, love out - poured.
 can - not trace cre - a - tion's se - cret: why we live and whose we are.
 teach - ing, heal - ing, sins for - giv - ing, meas - ure and in - spire our own,
 chang - ing hearts and shap - ing na - tions, seek - ing all, re - ject - ing none?
 We will trust and tell your pur - pose, brav - ing e - vil and de - spair,

$\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb2 Bb Gm Gm7 C \sharp C Am Am7 Dm2 Dm Bb Gm7 C \sharp C

Day by day, you walk a - mong us, known and hon - ored, yet con - cealed,
 Je - sus, you a - lone un - cov - er na - ture's rhy - thm, rea - son, rhyme,
 lov - ing earth's de - spised, re - ject - ed, till with them you hang in pain,
 Speech - es fail, but songs soar high - er, trac - ing how, in ev - ery place,
 in your name be - friend - ing, mend - ing, mak - ing peace and set - ting free,

C $\frac{C9}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb F7 Gm Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ C7 F

free - ing, chid - ing, lead - ing, guid - ing, till your glo - ry is re - vealed.
 so your birth - day is our cen - ter: hinge of his - to - ry and time.
 brok - en, bur - ied, res - ur - rec - ted, life laid down, our life to gain.
 twice ten hun - dred years have num - bered count - less works of bound - less grace!
 show - ing, giv - ing and ac - claim - ing signs of joy and ju - bi - lee.

Loving Spirit

135

F Dm C F $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C F $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm F B \flat F C $\frac{G}{B\flat}$ A Dm C F B \flat Csus C F

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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Coffee Hour Volunteers

Do you make a mean cup-of-joe? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We have resumed after worship Coffee Hour and are looking for folks to help out and host. We have simplified everything and just need someone to make coffee and help with clean-up. If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour, on September 12th or 26th, please add your name to the sign-up sheet available on Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour.

SAVE THE DATE

*Celebrating
140 Years!*

*October 20, 2021
6:00*



Sunday 09/05	Mon 09/06	Tues 09/07	Wed 09/08	Thurs 09/09	Fri 09/10	Sat 09/11	Sunday 09/12
8:45a FINAL First Light Service 10:30a In-Person & live-streamed Worship	LABOR DAY Church Office closed NO PRODUCTS & DIAPER PANTRY	10:00a Outdoing Jesus - Exploring the Gospel of John Study Zoom & In-person 11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours	9:00a Gardening 4:00 Outreach Mtg	11:00a-2:00p CMA Hours			10:30a In-Person & live-streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour

Reminder: Please be sure to wear a facemask when you are inside the church. Thank you for loving your neighbor!

<p>Prayer Requests:</p> <p>To submit a Prayer Request please visit our website at chxuucc.org</p>	<p>Shaina Oneill-Butler, Marge McGoff's granddaughter, has had a serious return of breast cancer after surgery & treatment. She has two children, ages 6 and 3 years old.</p> <p>The family of Jack Lehmkuhl, Ron & Linda Moore's brother-in-law who passed away recently.</p> <p>Cynthia Postmus passed away on July 26th. Please pray for Roger, and their 3 daughters Liz, Holly, and Katie.</p>	<p>Bill Picotte's colon cancer has returned. He had surgery at TC Munson on 8/19 and is home recovering at American House.</p> <p>Bill Trubilowicz is recovering from hand surgery.</p> <p>All those who are in harm's way due to the western firms and our southern storms.</p> <p>ALL school children, teachers, coaches and administrators, as another very difficult school year begins.</p>
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**FirstLight Service at 8:45 am
Michigan Beach Gazebo
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 will be the last beach service of this year.**

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231-547-9122 or office@chxuucc.org

Virtual worship is available on our website anytime at www.chxuucc.org