



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, September 7, 2025

(September/October Reaching Out Focus: Emergency Awareness)

Communion



**"The miracle is not to fly in the air or to walk on water,
but to walk on the earth."**

~Chinese Proverb

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #477 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

1st Scripture Reading - Matthew 6:1-14, *offered by Alice Pletz-Miller*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - The Gospel of Thomas, Logion 30, *offered by Alice Pletz-Miller*

Morning Message - “On Holy Ground,” *offered by Rev. Dr. Sid Hall*

Call to Communion

One: I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

**All: I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,**

One: I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me.

Words of Institution -

One: *(Breaking the Bread)* Here is the bread of life, food for the spirit.
Let all who hunger come and eat.
(Lifting the Cup) Here is the fruit of the vine, pressed and poured out for us.
Let all who thirst now come and drink.

**All: We come to break bread.
We come to drink of the fruit of the vine.
We come to make peace.**

One: May we never praise God with our mouths while denying in our hearts or by our acts the love that is our common speech.

**All: I come to be restored in the love of God.
I come to be made new as an instrument of Christ's love.**

One: I know that am worthy. I know that I am welcome. All are welcome.

All: All are welcome.

One: Come into the embrace and remembrance of this communion.

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Response: “We thank you, living, loving God. Amen”

Offering

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 - #689 “One Bread, One Body”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude - “Umoja Tuniamba,” by Victor C. Johnson, offered by The Choir

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sid Hall, III



Rev. Dr. Sid Hall, III, is a writer, activist, and a pastor. He has preached several times at 1st Congregational Church of Charlevoix and is happy to be back again. A native of northern Indiana, Sid grew up in the summers with Pastor Toby in Bay View. Each year Sid serves as the spring kahu (pastor) at Wānanalua Congregational Church (UCC) in Hāna, Island of Maui, Hawai‘i. He is an active member of the ‘Aha O Nā Mokupuni ‘O Maui, Moloka‘i a Me Lāna‘I Association in the Hawai‘i Conference of the UCC.

Sid retired in 2021 from full time ministry after 42 years as a United Methodist and United Church of Christ minister in Indiana and Texas. For 33 years, Sid was the lead minister of Trinity Church of Austin, a progressive congregation in Austin, Texas affiliated with the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and Creation Spirituality Communities. Sid is married to Mary Pratt, a retired psychotherapist and adjunct professor. They reside in Windsor, Colorado, Hāna, Hawai‘i, and on Crooked Lake in Conway, Michigan. Mary and Sid have four adult children and three grandchildren.

Please welcome Rev. Dr. Hall back to our Sanctuary!

Sunday 9/7	Mon 9/8	Tues 9/9	Wed 9/10	Thurs 9/11	Fri 9/12	Sat 9/13	Sunday 9/14
Communion 10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30p Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by Dave & Darlene Heine</i>	6p Personal Pantry	11a-2p CMA Hours <i>By Appt Only</i>	9a Reaching Out Meeting 9a Church Gardening	11a-2p CMA Hours <i>By Appt Only</i> 5:15p Centering Prayer 6:30p Choir Practice			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30p Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by Kendra Gates</i>
Stacey Out of Office							

**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 Marcia Newkirk as she faces serious health concerns, and please also pray for Mary Duggan who is caring for Marcia.

Please continue to pray for Toby as he begins his sabbatical journey, focusing on his physical health as he travels. Also pray for Eloise as she begins her senior year without her dad around.

Please continue to pray for Kathy Krueger in hospice care.

Congratulations to Dianne VanHuysen and Chas Lyons on their wedding on Sept. 3. Please join them for a wedding celebration as they host Coffee & Conversation on October 12.



Hosted by:
Dave & Darlene Heine

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