

Welcome to First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022

*** Some rise to their feet, some rise in their hearts—please rise as you are able.***

GATHERING BELL

At the sound of the bell, please silence yourselves and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

If You Would Suffer God to Guide You, J. S. Bach

Martha Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul Ashby

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**Whoever you are...and wherever you are on life's journey...
you are welcome here!**

OPENING REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy McLoughlin

There are days when we need someone to lift us up and begin the healing process.

It can be a day when we are discouraged and filled with anxiety about the future.

It can be a day when we have surgery or an intensive medical treatment.

It can be the time when we lose someone we love.

It can be the day we face the reality of our own death.

**Holy One, we are your children. Bless us with the people we need to walk with on the
difficult terrains of life. And renew in us the heart of the Samaritan.**

**HYMN SONG FOLDER #1, VS 1,2,4

Gather Us In

All

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones,

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paul

MISSION MOMENT

Mission & Outreach Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond to each shared prayer request with "Peace, Shalom, Salaam."

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Betsy

OFFERTORY

Prelude, from Well-tempered Clavier 1 No 1, J.S.Bach

Martha

**DOXOLOGY

Hal-le, hal-le hal-le-lu-ja.

All

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betsy

God of eternal Grace, let Your love flow through us as a community of compassion and service. Give birth to the beauty that is authentic empathy. Let these gifts provide the energy that supports our mission as Good Samaritans in our community. Amen

**HYMN NCH 541

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

All

They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love;
for whom should I do a good deed?"

The Master related a story and said,
"It's anyone who has a need,
yes, anyone who has a need."

There once was a traveler set on by thieves
who beat him and left him to die;
a Priest and a Levite each saw him in pain,
but they turned away and walked by,
yes, they turned away and walked by.

A certain Samaritan then came along
to bind up his wounds and give aid;
he took him to stay at an inn until well,
and for all the service he paid,
yes, for all the service he paid.

I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love,
for whom I should do a good deed;
for Christ made it clear in the story he told:
it's anyone who has a need,
yes, anyone who has a need.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Betsy

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all

your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

MESSAGE *Finding Yourself in the Story: Did Jesus say the Samaritan was Good?* Paul

**HYMN NCH 495 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* All

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

** BENEDICTION Paul

UNISON SUNG BENEDICTION *World Peace Prayer*

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe!

Today's Worship Leaders

preacher
liturgist
musician

Rev Paul Ashby
Betsy McLoughlin
Martha Jones

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Pastoral Care

To call Pastor Paul:

- **His cell phone, 970-793-8638. [Paul prefers calls over texts]**
- *His extension at church, 970-242-0298, x104.*
- *Home landline, 970-200-2668. [Paul is always up until midnight, do not be shy about calling late when there is need.]*

To share a prayer request with the congregation, contact Beth Rakestraw, office@uccgj.org or 970-242-0298 x105. **Deadline for publishing in the Sunday bulletin is Thursday noon.**

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Announcements

Contact: Beth Rakestraw, Office Administrator, office@uccgj.org

Guest WiFi Access | The name of our guest WiFi is FCUCCguest; the password is "welcomeall."

Join us for Coffee after worship | You must be current on Covid vaccinations to join us for social events. Persons with underlying health conditions are encouraged to mask for indoor events.

Mission & Outreach July Collection | Our third quarter project will be to support Child and Migrant Services. During the month of July, we will be collecting insect repellent, sunscreen, calamine lotion, and bandanas.

Mission Moment TODAY | Pooka Campbell, a leader for Solidarity Not Charity, will join us during worship today to provide info on the work her organization does in the Grand Valley. Please plan to stay for Happy Hour after worship today to help make 100 hygiene kits for this worthy organization.

Mission & Outreach Ongoing Collections for Solidarity, Not Charity | We currently collect hotel and personal size toiletries, water/milk jugs with their lids and plastic grocery bags for Solidarity, Not Charity.

July Collection for Catholic Outreach | Salad Dressings | Salad is a summertime favorite at Catholic Outreach. True, it's only been a few months since we collected salad dressings for the Soup Kitchen, but it's now all gone, and it is That Time of Year! Think we can do 200 bottles or packets this time around?

Cantabile Ringers on Summer Hiatus | Cantabile Ringers will not meet for rehearsal for July and most of August. Watch Church Chat and Tower Chimes for information about starting up again after summer is over.

A weight loss/healthy eating support group is still forming. | Begins meeting weekly on Thursdays, July 7, 12:15 to 1:15 pm in Mayflower.

This Week at FCUCC
July 10 – 17, 2022

Sunday 10	9:15	Song leaders rehearse hymns	sanctuary
	10:00	Worship	sanctuary/YouTube
	11:00	Happy Hour	pilgrim
	11:15	Worship & Celebration	library
Monday 11	5:00	Make Mondays Fun	pilgrim
Tuesday 12	10:00	Womens' Coffee	pilgrim
	10:00	Men's Coffee	mayflower
Wednesday 13	1:00	Through The NT Study	chapel
	2:00	Mission & Outreach Meeting	chapel
Thursday 14	12:15	Weight Loss Support Group	mayflower
	5:00	Children & Youth Pizza and Pool Party	Spyglass Community Center and Pool
Friday 15	10:00	Zoom Coffee Hour	zoom
Sunday 17	9:30	Song leaders rehearse hymns	sanctuary
	10:00	Worship	sanctuary/YouTube
	11:00	Happy Hour	pilgrim
	11:15	Council Meeting	chapel

All congregants are welcome to attend council meetings.

Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00.

Save the Dates:

July 24 | Hawaiian Shirt Sunday | New Members Class After Worship

July 31 | Fifth Sunday Potluck

August 5 | Children & Youth Event | Movies Under the Stars

August 12–14 | Church Camping Trip| Island Lake [on Grand Mesa]

August 15--17 | 2022 Jubilee at La Foret [i.e. summer camp for adults]

September 5 | Labor Day | Church Office Closed

October 19- 22 | Friends of the Library Book Sale

November 27 | Advent Begins

Christmas Eve is on Saturday this year, Christmas Day on Sunday.

Vision & Mission

As a progressive Christian community of faith, we seek to walk with compassion, inclusion, acceptance, bravery and understanding as Jesus did.

We STRIVE to:

- ◇ *be a welcoming congregation where you are safe to be who you are.*
- ◇ *be life-long learners that question and challenge each other to grow in faith, thought and actions.*
- ◇ *work for peace, equity and justice for all people*

- ◇ *protect and restore the integrity of our earth and all of creation.*
- ◇ *be change-makers.*