

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

August 21, 2022



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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: Rev. Enno K. Limvere

Musician: Ben Nichols

Choir Director: Ann Russ

Peace Candle Lighter: Bob Carter

Liturgist: Carol Winter

**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Gathering Music**

## **Music to Enter Worship**

### **Morning has Broken**

*Morning has broken, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing. Fresh from  
the Word.*

*Sweet the rain's new fall. Sunlit from heaven, like the first dew-fall, on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's  
feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning. Born of the one light, Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning. God's recreation, of the new day!*

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### **Opening Hymn 478 I've Got Peace like a River**

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
4. I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor  
I've got faith like an anchor in my soul

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### **Music of Lament #436 God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 2 & 3)**

From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's ways, from the fears that long  
have bound us free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us  
courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control. Shame our  
reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us  
courage, make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits whole.

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## **Music of Blessing Nothing Can Separate Us**

Chorus:

Nothing can separate us  
From the deep, deep love of God  
Not trials or temptations  
From the deep, deep love of God.

In times of deepest sorrow, When joy seems lost and gone,  
Christ stays our true companion; We are never left alone.

If God our judge is for us, Then who will stand against?  
Christ Jesus laid his life down: Our Way to make amends.

God's love: the ground we walk on God's love: the air we breathe  
God's love: the simple sunshine God's love: our own heartbeat

## **Words of Poetry & Lighting the Candle of Peace**

It is a custom in our congregation to light our Peace Candle during worship, as a witness to the Prince of Peace and our communal intention to be peace-makers as a Just Peace Church.

### **Both Sides Now by Joni Mitchell**

*Rows of floes of angel hair & ice cream castles in the air, And feather canyons everywhere, I've looked at the clouds that way. But now they block the sun, they rain and snow on everyone, so many things I could have done, but the clouds got in my way.*

*I looked at clouds from both sides now, from up and down and still somehow It's the clouds' illusion I recall I really don't know clouds at all.*

*Tears & fears & feeling proud to say I love you right out loud, Dreams and schemes & circus crowds, I've looked life that way. But now old friends are acting strange, they shake their heads, they say I've changed. Something's lost, but something's gained in living every day.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **Hymn 4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, God of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the storms of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

- 2 All Your works with joy surround You,  
 Earth and heaven reflect Your rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around You,  
 Center of unbroken praise;  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
 Teach us what our praise should be
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,  
 Ever blessing, ever blessed,  
 Well-spring of the joy of living,  
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
 Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,  
 All who love belong to you;  
 Teach us how to love each other,  
 by the love our joy renew.
- 4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
 Which the morning stars began;  
 Boundless love is reigning o'er us,  
 reconciling race and clan  
 Ever singing, move we forward,  
 Faithful in the midst of strife;  
 Joyful music leads us onward  
 In the triumph song of life.

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## Scripture Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture** Luke 13:10-17 (New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition)

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Children's Message** Helping is healing

## Choir Anthem

**Message** Entire Crowd Was Rejoicing

## Musical Reflections

### Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Respiration of all worlds, we hear you breathing – in and out – in silence. Hear the one Sound that created all others, in this way the Name is holy in silence. Your rule springs into existence as our arms reach out to embrace all creation. Create in us a divine cooperation – from many selves, one voice, one action. Help us fulfill what lies within us the circle of our lives: each day we ask no more, no less. Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to others. Keep us from hoarding false wealth, and from inner shame of help not given in time. From you is born all will, power and life to do, the song that beautifies all – from age to age it renews. Amen \*

## Our Time of Giving

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

## News of God at Work in our Congregation & Community

### Closing Hymn 12: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of our God,  
that filled the earth with food,  
God formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Oh how your wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

3. On earth there's not a plant or flower,  
but makes your glories known,  
The clouds arise, and spread their showers,  
by order from thy throne;  
All life is but a gift from you  
And ever in your care  
Wherever people gather, you,  
O God, art present there.

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## **Benediction**

## **Sending Music**

\* The Lord's Prayer is taken from parts of "Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus" by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER LIST:** Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Kris Baxter, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Sally Dunn, Community of Uvalde and Highland Park, People of Ukraine, Shut-ins and Care Center: Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes.

## **MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:**

The First Congregational UCC Budget adopted in January 2022 shows a need for a yearly income of \$151,756.

After 32 weeks the Budget Donations and Income should be \$93,388.24

The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$95,270.22

Thank You for all your support.

Kevin R Le Voir, Treasurer

**DONATE ONLINE!** We now have a Donation button on our church website as another option to give your pledges and offerings. Simply go to [grandmaraisucc.org](http://grandmaraisucc.org), and click the Donation button in the top right corner.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**

7:00 AM- AA (FS)

8:00 AM Harbor Watch

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

9:30 AM – CHOIR PRACTICE

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON [ZOOM](#) **Sunday, 11th Sunday after Pentecost**, Jesus is found in the synagogue on the Sabbath as was his practice. He comes across a woman who has been unable to stand up for over 18 years and heals her even though some disapprove with a legalist view that healing is work and work is forbidden. But once the woman can stand up straight, there is much rejoicing and celebrating. Is there anything to celebrate in our world today? Can we express and experience joy while bad news is a daily irritant?

## **MONDAY, August 22**

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

3:00-5:00PM Food Shelf Open to the Public (LL)

5:00 PM – Cleaning up the rain gardens in front of the Library.

7:00 PM - ALANON

Pastor Enno's Day off

## **TUESDAY, August 23**

8:30AM-4:30PM Explorer's Club

10:00 PM – Future of Christianity (Zoom)

7:00 PM - Zen Meditation (LL)

## **WEDNESDAY, August 24**

7:00AM - AA (FS)

8:30AM-4:30PM Explorer's Club

3:00 PM – Rooted and Rising

6:30 PM - Sing-a-Long & Music Jam

## **THURSDAY, August 25**

10:00 AM – Tai Chi

12:00PM - Women's AA (FS)

5:00 PM – Grand Marais Public Library Board

## **FRIDAY, August 26**

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

8:00 AM – Harbor Watch

## **SUNDAY, August 28**

9:30 AM – Pick-up Choir

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON [ZOOM](#) **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**, Jesus is once again around a table that is filled with those who are his opponents and frenemy's. Just before in the story, he heals another person after they disapprove of his 'work.' So he turns the table on them in remarking about how this table is concerned about who is at the table and what place they have in relation to the others. Jesus then goes further to speak that to truly be blessed and have a place of honor, invite those who cannot repay your hospitality.

**OUR CHURCH OFFICE CONTINUES TO BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:** Pastor Enno and Office Manager, Nancy Backlund, are in the building at unscheduled times. For pastoral emergencies, please contact our new Settled Pastor, Rev. Enno Limvere at (605) 460-0330.

### **FOLLOW US ON:**

Facebook – First Congregational UCC Grand Marais.

Instagram - Grandmaraisucc

Website - [grandmaraisucc.org](http://grandmaraisucc.org)

**FOOD SHELF:** The Food Shelf is distributing food each Monday, from 3:00-5:00 pm, also on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 4:30-6:30 pm, downstairs in our church building. You can support their work by sending your checks to Food Shelf, P.O. Box 51, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

**GIVING DURING THIS TIME OF SUSPENDED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS:** It is tremendously heartening, for both your church staff and church lay leaders, to see such generous giving continuing during this time. Your on-going support of our ministries are especially important now. We encourage each of you to find ways to continue to support our ministries. continuing to give to our church by:

1. Download the “VANCO” mobile app on your smartphone, to give with your credit card on-line. Enter our church name or 55604 zip code, then choose our church account. This is a program of VANCO, with whom we already have a contract for such transactions.
2. Contact Kevin LeVoir, our Treasurer, about automatic deposit from your personal bank account, at [krlevoir@aol.com](mailto:krlevoir@aol.com).
3. Send a check in the US mail! P.O. Box 95, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

We extend a warm welcome to all who may be worshipping with us for the first time. If you would like more information about our ministries, contact Pastor Enno at [ennotherev@gmail.com](mailto:ennotherev@gmail.com) or 605-460-0330.

We are a progressive Christian congregation, with roots in the New England Congregational tradition and now are part of the wider denomination of the United Church of Christ. As a Just Peace Church, and welcoming of the LGBTQIA2+ community, we seek to provide a spiritual home for seekers of all ages and backgrounds. Please know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you in our congregation.

**Purpose and Mission** First Congregational United Church of Christ is an open, inclusive church that exists to worship God and practice the gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all people of goodwill who seek to share the love of God and honor the diversity of creation in a spirit of tolerance and flexibility. As a Just Peace Church, we invite all who seek the reign of God to join us in reaching out in healing ministry, working for justice, witnessing for peace and striving to overcome all forms of oppression. We recognize two sacraments: Baptism and Communion

**Our Open and Affirming Covenant** We covenant to be an accessible, open and affirming community of faith, committed to peace and justice, reaching out in healing love to all of creation. We exist to worship God and practice the gospel. We welcome all persons, including those of all races, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family structures, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances to fully share and participate in leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

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