

First Congregational United Church of Christ

June 12, 2021



Photo by Rae Tian

Outdoor Worship

Trinity Sunday

Ministers: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: Rev. Enno K. Limvere

Musician: Linda Noble

Choir Director: Ann Russ

Peace Candle Lighter: Carol Winter Liturgist: Sandy Stover

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Words to Enter Worship

*People who need people: **Let us come into worship. Let us praise the God of Love.***

*People who need solitude: **We come with hope for love and reconciliation.***

*People who need community: **We come to be healed and to heal.***

*People who need nature: **We come to give thanksgiving and receive strength for the journey.***

Opening Hymn #249 Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

(Refrain)

Peace I leave with you , my friends,
shalom, my peace in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends.

I give to you so you can give to others, too.

1. To share God's love is wh I came,
to show God's kindness without end
Go now, my friends, and do the same,
until I come again.

2. Take my hand and be at peace;
the spirit of our love I send.
And with this love you will be free,
until I come again.

3. With this love now all will know
the loneliness is at an end.
Rejoice, my friends, although I go,
for I will come again

Words of Lament

All: Merciful and Amazing God, we see violence in our schools, our grocery stores, our communities, and our world. We have gotten better and better and killing each other with deadlier weapons and with hateful words to render your children into things to be disposed of. Shine, O God, shine your love into the hearts of those who would kill. Shine your love into the hearts of those who don't have empathy. Shine your love into our hearts into the broken hearts. We need your love. They need your love. The world needs your love now. Amen.

Words of Blessing (Psalm 8)

One: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy.

Many: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: Yet you have made them a little lower than divine, and crowned them with glory and honor.

One: You have set them over the works of your hands, you have put all things under their care, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

Many: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

All: O LORD, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.

Thank you for Each Moment

by Ted Loder

Lord, thank you for each moment,
for the blue-sky moment,

the softening earth,

the refreshing wind,

for the sap flowing,

the bird nesting,

the yellow bush,

for my full heart and the joy rising in me.

Soften me

to receive whatever comes as a gift
and to praise you in it.

Lord, thank you for each moment,
for the twilight moment,

the pause,

the good tired,

for the quiet reflection,

the slowing down,

the mysterious sunset,

for my contented heart and the wisdom growing inside me.

Gentle me

to feel whatever comes as a gift and to praise you in it.

Lord, thank you for each moment,

for the midnight moment,
the loneliness
the fretful wondering,
for my restless heart and the hope straining in me.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #277 Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy. God the Almighty
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy. Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only
From the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of human kind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Scripture Readings

1st Scripture Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Common English Bible)

Doesn't Wisdom cry out and Understanding shout?

² *Atop the heights along the path,
at the crossroads she takes her stand.*

³ *By the gate before the city,
at the entrances she shouts:*

⁴ *I cry out to you, people;
my voice goes out to all of humanity.*

²² *The LORD created me at the beginning of his way,
before his deeds long in the past.*

²³ *I was formed in ancient times,
at the beginning, before the earth was.*

²⁴ *When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth,
when there were no springs flowing with water.*
²⁵ *Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was brought forth;*
²⁶ *before God^[a] made the earth and the fields
or the first of the dry land.*
²⁷ *I was there when he established the heavens,
when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea,*
²⁸ *when he thickened the clouds above,
when he secured the fountains of the deep,*
²⁹ *when he set a limit for the sea,
so the water couldn't go beyond his command,
when he marked out the earth's foundations.*
³⁰ *I was beside him as a master of crafts.
I was having fun,
smiling before him all the time,*
³¹ *frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.*

2nd Scripture John 16:12-15 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹² *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

Message: A Little Bit of This, Some Gratitude for That

Musical Reflections

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

Our Father, Mother God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. The kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Our Time of Giving

Doxology

News of God at Work in our Congregation & Community

Closing Hymn #522 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden visions of all the golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you
Because I want to share it, because I know it's true.
3. I love to tell the story; it's pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song
Will be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

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Benediction

Sending Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Larry (Jenny Delfs' father), Kris Baxter, Mike Carlson, Family and friends of John Mianowski, Gwen Dornfeld, Tom Yuhasey, Community of Uvalde, 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 22 weeks the Budget Donations and Income should be \$64,204.44

The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$75,496.73

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, and click the Donation button in the top right corner.

WORK DAY AT PASONAGE

The parsonage work day has been rescheduled for June 25 from 1:30pm till 4:30pm. If you could come and help, please contact John Bottger at jbbottger@boreal.org. We are looking forward to a productive day with time for fellowship. We do plan to have a contest to see who can get the most paint on their clothes.

Peace

John

Building and grounds committee

THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 AM Harbor Watch

All Day – Minnesota Annual Conference Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

All Day – Minnesota Annual Conference Meeting

12:00 – March for our Lives at Harbor Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON ZOOM 7th **Trinity Sunday**, on this Sunday, Pastor Enno will be at the Annual Meeting for the Minnesota Conference of the UCC. Worship Team will be filling in.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

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

7:00 PM - ALANON

Pastor Enno's Day Off

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM- Explorers Club
- 12:00 PM – Violence Prevention Center Zoom on Allyship
- 3:00 PM – Ministerial Lectionary Study
- 5:00 PM – Board of Directors
- 7:00 PM – Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light
- 7:00 PM - Zen Meditation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- 1:30 – Rooted & Rising Group
- 7:00 PM - Sing-a-Long & Music Jam

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM- Explorers Club
- 10:00 AM – Tai Chi
- 12:00 PM - Women's AA (FS)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 7:00 AM - AA (FS)
- 8:00 AM – Harbor Watch

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

9:30 AM – Choir Practice
10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON ZOOM **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**, on this Sunday, we will explore Paul's letter to the Galatians about how the early church struggled to come together when they there from different backgrounds, spoke different languages, and different classes. It is also our celebration of the end of slavery in our country, Juneteenth.

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.

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- Facebook – First Congregational UCC Grand Marais.
- Instagram - Grandmaraisucc
- Website - grandmaraisucc.org

FOOD SHELF: The Food Shelf is distributing food each Monday, from 3:00-5:00 pm, also on the 1st 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. Please consider 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.
3. Send a check in the US mail! P.O. Box 95, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

