

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

June 19, 2022



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## **Outdoor Worship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Juneteenth

Ministers: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: Rev. Enno K. Limvere

Musician: Linda Noble

Choir Director: Ann Russ

Peace Candle Lighter: Jenny Delfs

Liturgist: Barb Bottger

**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

**Prelude**

## **Words to Enter Worship**

*People who love jazz music:* **God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.**

*People who love rock-n-roll music:* **We proclaim that God is love. Love is strong. Love is eternal. Love never ends.**

*People who love hip-hop music:* **We come to fill ourselves up with love, the love of God that heals, lifts us up, and sends us out to share the goodness of God.**

*People who love gospel music:* **God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.**

## **Opening Hymn #85 I Woke Up This Morning**

1. I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Hallelu, hallelu, haleluja.
2. Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus  
Hallelu, hallelu, haleluja

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## **Words of Lament**

**Almighty and Merciful God, for 400 years and counting, we have been a people divided by greed, by fear, and the false idol of white supremacy. Whiteness has been used to enslave your children of darker skin color, give them harsher sentences, and deny them the abundance of life. America has even turned your son, Jesus of Nazareth, into a white American. You are the God who hears the cries of the enslaved, the oppressed, and the poor. You are the God who demands justice for the least of these. You are the God who proclaims love and mercy to all. Open our ears that we may hear what you hear. Open our eyes that we may see the world as you see it. Open our hearts that we may follow the way of love and justice. Help us, O LORD, so that we may be about the work of your kindom. Amen.**

## **Words of Blessing (Based on Psalm 28)**

**One:** I will tell of your name to all siblings, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. From you comes my praise in the great congregation.

**Many:** **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall give praise. May your hearts live forever!**

**All:** **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

## **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.**

**We Rose**  
by Kristina Kay

From Africa's heart, we rose  
Already a people, our faces ebon, our bodies lean,  
We rose  
Skills of art, life, beauty and family  
Crushed by forces we knew nothing of,  
we rose  
Survive we must, we did,  
We rose  
We rose to be you, we rose to be me,  
Above everything expected, we rose  
To become the knowledge we never knew,  
We rose Dream, we did Act we must

## Passing of the Peace

### Hymn # 593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hop that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.
2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hop unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till we stand at last,  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
God who has brought us thus far on the way  
God, who by your might, lead us to the light  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God where we met you,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;  
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## Scripture Reading

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Galatians 3:23-29 (The Message)

<sup>23-24</sup> Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for.

<sup>25-27</sup> But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.

<sup>28-29</sup> In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendant,” heirs according to the covenant promises.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Luke 8:26-39 (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes <sup>□</sup> asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him

## **Children's Message: What is Juneteenth?**

### **Message: Break the Bonds**

### **Musical Reflections**

#### **Communion Hymn #330 Let Us Break Bread Together**

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Refrain:  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
(refrain)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
(refrain)

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### **Communion**

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

**Our Father, Mother God, 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 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**

*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.*

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

#### **Closing Hymn # 525 This Little Light of Mine**

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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 23 weeks the Budget Donations and Income should be \$67,122.82

The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$76,061.73

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](http://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 [jbottger@boreal.org](mailto:jbottger@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 17**

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

8:00 AM – Harbor Watch

11:00 AM Juneteenth: Revealing Hidden Histories Webinar

[Click here to register](#). Sponsored by our UCC.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

### **MONDAY, June 20**

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

7:00 PM—ALANON

Pastor Enno's Day off

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 21**

8:30 AM– 4:30 PM– Explorer's Club

12:00 PM – Clergy Cluster

3:00 PM – Ministerial Lectionary Study

7:00 PM – Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light

7:00 PM– ZEN Meditation

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22**

7:00 PM - Sing-a-Long & Music Jam

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 23**

8:30 AM– 4:30 PM– Explorer's Club

10:00 AM – Tai Chi

12:00 PM - Women's AA

1:30 PM – Bible Study

4:00 PM – Pastor Relations

5:00 PM – Library Board

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

8:00 AM – Harbor Watch

10:30 AM - *Afoutayi Dance to Perform at Cook County Higher Education*

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

1:30 PM – Work Day at Parsonage

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 26**

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON ZOOM **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**, on this Sunday, we will look at the gospel of Luke and a story of the disciples of Jesus believing they had the power to call down fire from heaven to destroy the villages who did not receive Jesus. More important than their ability to do so, what was Jesus' response to those who wanted to use violence and destruction in his name? How is this in contrast to Fruits of the Spirit found the Paul's letter to the Galatians?

11:00 AM – Summer Annual Meeting

12:00 PM – Discipleship Group

**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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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.

