

First Congregational United Church of Christ
July 3, 2022



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Outdoor Worship

4th 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: Ann Russ Liturgist: Nancy Strayer

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Words to Enter Worship (Based on 1st Corinthians 12)

People who enjoy long weekends: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same God; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

People who enjoy hotdogs: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one just as the Spirit chooses.

People who enjoy fireworks: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we are all baptized into one body – and we all drink of the one Spirit.

People who enjoy our freedoms: God has so arranged the body, giving greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissention within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

Opening Hymn #84 This is the Day

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
2. This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again. Jesus rose again;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

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Words of Lament

Almighty and Merciful God, our country is full of politics, full of gas lighting, and full of propaganda. We are dividing ourselves further and further into separated communities, and destroying the bridges that connect them. We are being drawn into only win/lose situations. Too many are proclaiming, “You are with us or with them!” Rise up, O God, and scatter this division, this detachment, that blinds us to another’s humanity, that binds us to ideologies and not to empathy, and that winds us up to fear and hate ‘them.’ Remind us, Merciful One, that love of neighbor is our base line and we are all your children. Amen.

Words of Blessing (Based on Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

Many: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

All: Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in the deeds among mortals.

One: Turning the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced and gave thanks.

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.

The Dream... by Rev. Enno K. Limvere

"All men are created equal" was written, when it truly was not so,
it left out the women, and the children, and those who used the bow.
Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, made the world sit up and notice,
but we now cheer kings, ignore the queens, and bow down to the POTUS.
The slaves were freed, but are still in need, and dreaming of the time,
when all is well, removed from hell, and living in their prime.
"I have a dream" called out a prophet, upon the Washington Mall,
we made the content of their character a hindrance, and worked to see them fall.
We can look back, admit our wrongs, and see how far we've come,
all are created, with souls unabated, to seek out sweet freedom.
What holds us together, in all kinds of weather, is not the flag or law,
it's a hope, a promise, an inkling; a dream stuck in our craw.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn # 553 There is a Balm in Gilead

(Refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead, to make a wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

2. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
Who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend.
3. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus, who died to save us all.

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SCRIPTURE READING

1st Scripture Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (Common English Bible)

10 After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. ³ Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. ⁵ Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' ⁶ If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. ⁷ Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, ¹¹ 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

¹⁸ Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

2nd Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

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Children's Message Who do we help?

Message True Healing

Musical Reflections

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 – Prayer of the Month (Traditional)

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 #591 This is My Song

1. This is my son, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
And skies are every where as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Words and Music; First Line: this is My song

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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 25 weeks the Budget Donations and Income should be \$72,959.58

The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$78,980.04

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.

THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY, JULY 1

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

2:00 PM Sign Protest Making at SISU and Loyly Sauna

5:00 PM Roe Vs. Rage Protest on Hwy 61

SUNDAY, JULY 3

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON ZOOM 7th 4th **Sunday after Pentecost**, this Sunday we go into the historical book of 2 Kings to look at Elijah's ministry in a time when Israel was under attack. A general from the other side was afflicted with leprosy and told by a Jewish captive that her God could heal him. It is an interesting story in finding compassion shown across battle lines. We will also hear the gospel story from Luke about Jesus sending out the seventy to also go out and heal those who are in need.

MONDAY, JULY 4

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

7:00AM– AA (FS)

3:00-5:00 PM– Food Shelf Open to the Public

7:00PM– ALANON

TUESDAY, JULY 5

8:30AM-4:30PM– Explorer’s Club
3:00 PM – Ministerial Lectionary Study
4:30 PM - Spiritual Director
7:00 PM - Zen Meditation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7:00 AM - AA (FS)
4:30-6:30 PM—Food Shelf open to the Public (LL)
7:00 PM - Sing-a-Long & Music Jam

THURSDAY, JULY 7

8:30AM-4:30PM– Explorer’s Club
9:15AM - Chaplin Meeting
10:00AM – Tai Chi
12:00 PM—Women’s AA (FS)
3:00 PM – Building and Grounds Committee

FRIDAY, JULY 8

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

SUNDAY, JULY 10

9:30 AM – Pick-up Choir

10:30 AM – **Outside AND ON ZOOM 5th Sunday after Pentecost**, this Sunday we focus on Paul’s letter to the Colossians as we read the opening of the letter where Paul greets them with fanfare, praise, and encouragement. In our day and in our times, we could also use encouragement and remembering what our purpose it. It is to bear fruit. The story of the Good Samaritan will also be shared about how anyone can bear fruit.

4:00 PM – Journey 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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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. 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.

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 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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