



# First Congregational United Church of Christ November 19 , 2023

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## 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Partners in Ministry: **All who are a part of this church**

Pastor: **Rev. Enno K. Limvere** Preaching: **Tom Yuhasey**

Musician: **Linda Noble** Choir Director: **Ann Russ**

Peace Candle Lighter: **Byron Aldrich** Liturgist: **Jenny Delfs**

Greeter/Usher: **Chris Silence/Lesaann Foris**

Coffee-Hour Hosts: **Mike Carlson & Sue Webber**

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**Gathering Music**  
**Words of Welcome**  
**Prelude**

**Words to Enter Worship** (based on Psalm 8)

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

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

*One:* Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them responsibility over the works of your hands, and put all things under their care.

*Many:* **All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Opening Hymn #558** O How Glorious, Full of Wonder ([click here](#))

**Words of Lament**

**Merciful God, help us to find hope and bring hope to the world, to our country, to our community, and to our church. There is not enough good news and too much fear. Blow the trumpet, Eternal Bringer of Life, that we may go forward with courage to create a better world with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Time of Silence**

**Words of Poetry "Harvesting the Heart"** by Byron Aldrich ([click here](#))

**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 peacemakers as a Just Peace Church.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Hymn #425** For the Fruit of All Creation ([click here](#))

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 61:1-4, 6-11 (New Rev. Standard Updated Ver.)

**61** The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me;  
God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
**2** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
**3** to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
**4** They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.  
**6** But you shall be called priests of the Lord; you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.  
**7** Because their shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be  
theirs.

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**8** For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

**9** Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

**10** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation; and has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**11** For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

### Choir Anthem

**Message** Tom Yuhasey, **Moderator Extraordinaire**

### Musical Reflections

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

**Our Father, Mother God, you are in heaven, holy is 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

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

### 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*

**Closing Hymn #423** Great Is Your Faithfulness ([click here](#))

### Benediction

### Sending Music



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## Announcements

**Prayer List:** Paul Leintz, Rhonda Silence, Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Sally Dunn, The Family of Pat Backlund, The Family of Denny Pechacek, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

**At home and Care Center:** Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes, Nancy Cihlar, and Tom Hedstrom.

### Measure of our Faithfulness

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2023 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2023, showing a need for a yearly income of \$164,110.00.

After forty-six weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$141,972.59. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$136,962.10.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

### This Week at the Church

#### **Thursday, November 16**

10:00 AM - Tai Chi  
12:00 PM - Women's AA  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

*Pastor Enno is on vacation the 16th - 20th*

#### **Friday, November 17**

7:00 AM - AA  
8:00 AM - Harbor Watch  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
7:30 PM - AA

#### **Saturday, November 18**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - *Please join the family of Richard Bockovich at the Cook County Community Center as they celebrate his 90th Birthday! Join us for light refreshments and visiting.*

#### **Sunday, November 19**

9:30 AM - Choir Practice  
10:30 AM - Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM, 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Our illustrious moderator of the board of directors, will be taking the pulpit as Pastor Enno is on vacation. Tom Yuhasey promises to do his best to share some good news and leave us laughing.

2:30 PM - Orchestra Practice for Borealis  
4:00 PM - Choir Practice for Borealis

#### **Monday, November 20**

11:00 AM - Spring Forest Qi Gong  
2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
3:00 - 5:00 PM - Food Shelf  
6:00 PM - Transgender Day of Remembrance Service  
7:00 PM - Al Anon

#### **Tuesday, November 21**

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
4:00 PM - Pastor Relations Committee

#### **Wednesday, November 22**

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
6:00 PM - Confirmation

#### **Thursday, November 23**

12:00 - Take-out and Delivery Dinners  
1:00 - Open the Doors for here they come.  
We gather together in person!

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

#### **Friday, November 24**

7:00 AM - AA  
8:00 AM - Harbor Watch  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
7:30 PM - AA

#### **Saturday, November 25**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

#### **Sunday, November 26**

9:30 AM - Pick-up Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM, Reign of Christ Sunday. We go back into the historical books of the Hebrew Testament into 2 Kings and look at the reign of King Josiah who heeds the prophets and leads Israel back into a covenant with God. In his zeal to repair the Temple, they find the Torah and gather all the people to hear the words of Moses and God.

2:30 PM - Orchestra Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran  
4:00 PM - Choir Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

# Harvesting the Heart

by Byron Aldrich

Syrup tap  
Drips  
Sweet liquor  
For those who tend the trees.

Sticky sweet buds  
On new growth  
Promise new life,  
Mute gospel  
To honor gardeners of the heartspace.

Fruits of life  
Known,  
Pain and Joy  
Of becoming  
Settle again on the harvested heart.

Harvest too often  
Delayed, Denied  
Abandoned to stolen dreams.  
Bounty there for initiates to Nature's ways.

And the heart

Breaks  
O P E N

From sadness  
Fullness.  
Bursting heart place.  
From fullness the  
Harvest of Joy, Fulfillment, Inspiration.

To turn the soil,  
The soul,  
One more season  
And risk again.

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## Opening Hymn #558 O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

1. O how glorious, full of wonder is your name o'er all the earth,  
God, who wrought creation's splendor, bringing suns and stars to birth!  
Rapt in reverence we adore you, marveling at your mystic ways.  
Humbly now we bow before you, lifting up our hearts in praise.
  
2. When we see your lights of heaven, moon and stars, your power displayed,  
Who are we that you should love us, creatures that your hand has made?  
Born of earth, yet full of yearning, mixture strange of good and ill,  
From your ways so often turning, yet your love does seek us still.
  
3. You have set us in communion with the wonders of your hand,  
Made us fly with eagle pinion, pilgrims over sea and land.  
Soaring spire and ruined city, the our hopes and failures show.  
Teach us more of humanity, that we in your image grow.
  
4. O how wondrous, O how glorious is your name in every land,  
God, whos purpose shines before us toward the goal that you have planned!  
Yours the will our hearts are seeking, conscious of our human need.  
Spirit in our spirit speaking, make us yours, O God, indeed.

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## Hymn #425 For the Fruit of All Creation

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping.

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## Closing Hymn #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.
  
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
  
3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

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