



First Congregational United Church of Christ April 14, 2024



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joy

feel
included

be part of
something
greater than
yourself

We're not just commas anymore.



Third Sunday of Easter

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

Pastor: **Rev. Enno K. Limvere**

Musician: **Ben Nichols** Choir Director: **Ann Russ**

Peace Candle Lighter: **Byron Aldrich** Liturgist: **Tom Yuhasey**

Greeter: **Mike Carlson** Usher:

Computer Operator: **Kileen Limvere** Video Camera Operator: **Tom Yuhasey**

Coffee-Hour Host: **Weber Carlson**

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Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn #556 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Words for Beginning:

One: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be in accord with your heart, O God.

Time of Silence

Words of Poetry and Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)

Cease to do evil,
Learn to do good,
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:16d-17)

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)
Passing of the Peace

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Hymn #551 Balm in Gilead

Scripture

Mark 9:24

The father of a child possessed by an unclean spirit cries out to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!". In response, Jesus commands the unclean spirit to come out of the boy and the boy is completely healed.

Mark 6:53-56

53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Message "Extravagant Welcome: God for Doubters, too"

Musical Reflection

Joys and Concerns, Minister's Prayer, and 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

New of God at Work in our Congregation and Community

Our Time of Giving

Doxology

We give you but your own,
What e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is yours alone.
We give it gratefully

Closing Hymn #8 Praise to the Living God

Benediction: Blessing of the Earth Blessing of Earth

by Christine Valters Painter (adapted)

All: Spirit of Abundant Earth, Allow us to live in the knowledge that we are of the earth, from the earth, and returning to the earth. Tree of Life, Rise up in us, Rooting us deeply in the ground And inviting us to extend our branches far into the sky. Spirit that rises like bread, knead us into the shape you desire for our lives. And allow us to be nourishment for others. Blessings of the earth be upon us. May its taste, smell, and touch remind us of the abundance of God. And let us be instruments of your peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List: Family of Bev Denyes, Sarah, Rhonda Silence, Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Sally Dunn, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Congo Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth. At home and Care Center: Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, and Tom Hedstrom.

Measure of our Faithfulness:

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2024 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2024, showing a need for a yearly income of \$175,834.

After Fourteen weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$47,339.93.

After Fourteen weeks of 2024, the actual donations and income reached \$58,553.78.

-Kevin R. LeVoir, Treasurer

This Week at the Church

Sunday, April 14

All Day – Our Whole Lives Training
NO– Choir Practice (SA)

10:30 AM - 3rd Sunday of Easter – Retired Judge Stephen Aldrich will be taking the helm this Sunday as Pastor Enno is in the Twin Cities for continuing education. Steve will be working to start a conversation about Extravagant Welcome and how our church can invite and welcome new people into our congregation

Fellowship to Follow

Monday, April 15

2:00 PM-6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)
3:00 PM-5:00 PM – Food Shelf (LL)
4:00 PM – Earth Day Planning Meeting (ZO)
7:00 PM – Al-Anon (FS)

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 PM – Group Music Class (SA)
12:00 PM – Clergy Cluster Meeting (ZO)
2:00 PM – Narrative Lectionary Study (ZO)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)
5:00 PM – Board of Directors Meeting (ZO)

Wednesday, April 17

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)
5:00 PM – Worship Committee (ZO)
6:00 PM – Sing-along (N)
6:00 PM – Confirmation

Thursday, April 18

10:00 AM – Tai Chi (SH)
11:00AM - Meeting with Architecht
12:00 PM – Women’s AA (FS)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)
3:30-5:30 PM – Cook County Public Health (MR)

Friday, April 19

7:00 AM – AA (FS)
8:00 AM – Harbor Watch (Java Moose)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons (SA)
7:30 PM – AA (FS)

Saturday, April 20

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons

Sunday, April 21

9:30 AM – Choir Practice (SA)
10:30 AM - 4th Sunday of Easter/Earth Day – The day after the Earth Day Fair and the day after Earth Day, we will be centered on Psalm 98 that calls the whole world to join in worship and make a joyful noise. We will be having communion on this Sunday as Pastor Enno is gone the week before.

Fellowship Following



Opening Hymn #543 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1. Where the crowded ways of life, where sound the
cries of clan and race, Above the noise of selfish
strife, O Christ we hear your voice of grace.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed
thresholds framed with fears, From paths where hide the lures of
greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

3. From tender childhood's helplessness, from human
griefs and burdened toil, From famished souls, from sorrows'
stress, we know your heart does not recoil.

6. The cup of water given for you still holds the
freshness of your grace; Yet long these multitudes to
view the deep compassion of your face.

*Tune: GERMANY (GARDINERO L.M.
William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815)*

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Hymn #553 There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the 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 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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*Tune :BALM IN GILEAD IRR. with refrain
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Closing Hymn #Praise to the Living God

1.Praise to living God, the God of love and light, Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

2.Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive, Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting, toward God's goal, Till humankind stood on the earth , as living, thinking souls.

3.Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain, Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

4.Praise to the living God, a round, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
in these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife, May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

*Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D
George J.Elvey,1868 .
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