



Hudsonville

United Church of Christ
Open & Affirming

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***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Our musicians this morning are Paul DeYoung (he/him), Ali Bendert (she/her), Jon Larsen (he/him), and Jim Thompson (he/him).

BIRTHDAY MEAL

Join us for refreshments after worship as we celebrate November and December birthdays and anniversaries after worship.

UNCLOBBER BOOK STUDY

After refreshments you are invited to the Unclobber book discussion in the Parlor as we discuss how scripture has been misused against the LGBTQ community.

DECORATION HELP

We will also be looking for volunteers to help after worship today to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Thanks in advance to all who can help with this!

HOBBY HUB

Hobby Hub is this Thursday in the Parlor at 7pm. Feel free to bring snacks!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our next Feeding America food distribution is Thursday, December 5. We will be looking for volunteers to help 5pm to 7pm.



Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity.
How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single
moment before starting to improve the world.

~ Anne Frank



PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound, anyone facing illness this morning, the families of Palestine, and all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Bev Price, Angel Dannenberg, Al Wooton,
Sonny Bailey, Connie Jarka, and St. Paul's UCC in Grand Haven.

PRELUDE....."Two Thousand Years"

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice for God has done great things.

All: Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Pastor: A harvest of abundance surrounds us. We will eat and be satisfied.

All: Praise God for the bounty we enjoy.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for every good gift.

All: We know God is with us and we rejoice.

OPENING SONG....."I Will Lift My Eyes"

God, my God, I cry out
Your beloved needs You now
God be near, calm my fear
And take my doubt

Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

I will lift my eyes to the Maker
Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the calmer
Of the oceans raging wild

I will lift my eyes to the Healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes
To You

God, my God, let mercy sing
a melody over me
God right here, all I bring
is all of me

Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

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PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

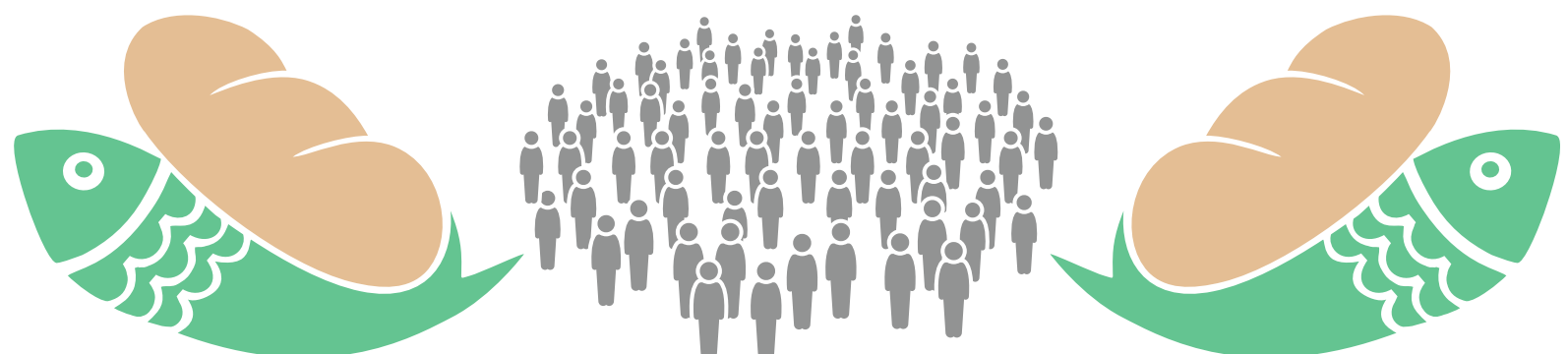
How good it is to join in prayers of thanksgiving. You have been good to us, Gracious God. For sunshine and rain, for the labors of all who harvest the grain, we pour out our gratitude. Dwell with us now that we may not only be inspired to share but also prompted to work for a more just world in which all your children have enough to eat and reasons for joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 6:1-14
Sue Dykstra (she/her)

John 6:1-14

- 1** After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
- 2** A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
- 3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
- 4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.
- 5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?'
- 6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.
- 7** Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'
- 8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,
- 9** 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'
- 10** Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.
- 11** Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
- 12** When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.'
- 13** So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
- 14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

SERMON....."Gathering Up The Fragments"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)



PRAYER SONG..... "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say
I am strong
Let the poor say
I am rich
Because of what the Lord
has done for us
(repeat)

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say
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PASTORAL PRAYER..... The Lord's Prayer
(words on screen)

Our Father, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

THE OFFERTORY..... "Bridge Over Troubled Water"

When you're weary, feelin' small
When tears are in your eyes,
I'll dry them all I'm on your side,
Oh, when times get rough,
And friends just can't be found.

Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down

When you're down and out,
when you're on the street
When evening falls so hard,
I will comfort you, I'll take your part,
oh when darkness comes
and pain is all around

Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will lay me down

Sail on silver girl, sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
oh, if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind

Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will ease your mind

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Light Your World"

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and
lied to, still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Two Thousand Years"



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Open & Affirming Statement

Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming church. We celebrate our human family's diversity of race, age, cultural background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, education, faith history, economic status, marital status, spiritual journey, and life circumstances. Aided by this God-given gift of diversity, we strive to reflect God's unconditional love to all creation, and we affirm that all people are created in God's image. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ. We believe that God is still speaking and as Jesus prayed, one day we will all be one.

We recognize that the universal church has at times rejected difference and denied God's promises for itself and others. We believe we can love alike, even though we may not think alike. So, we boldly proclaim, "Welcome, ALL who seek God's life-giving grace. Come as you are, so together, we will make a world of difference."

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