

# Welcome to Worship



PRELUDE....."Rooftops"

## WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come to worship God whose love was revealed to us in Jesus.

**All: We worship God and sing our praises.**

Pastor: We are called to love as God loves us.

**All: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

Pastor: God claims you and has high expectations for you.

**All: Christ is the vine and we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.**

OPENING SONG....."In the Hands of God"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Traci (she, they)

### PASSING THE PEACE

### UNISON PRAYER

Open our minds, hearts, and eyes to your ways, Gracious God so that we may be alert to opportunities to serve you. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning in their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. We seek to know your Word and to be led by it. May our worship glorify you. Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."The Sound of Silence"

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 15: 1-8  
John Parker (he, him)

SERMON.....Bearing Fruit  
Pastor Dan (he, him)

PRAYER SONG....."The Garden"

PASTORAL PRAYER.....The Lord's Prayer  
(words on screen)

THE OFFERTORY....."Desperado"

### DOXOLOGY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING ..... "All The People Said Amen"

### BENEDICTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU!

Our musicians this morning are: Ali Bendert, Paul DeYoung, Jon Larsen, and Jim Thompson.

### TODAY

We will celebrate all our April Birthdays immediately after worship.

### PASTOR DAN VACATION

Pastor Dan will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Pastor Traci will preach and be available for pastoral care. Pastor Dan will return to the office on Monday, May 13.

### GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND PASTOR WALKS

Pastor Traci is creating space for group discussions on 2nd and 4th Sundays starting at 9am to discuss current events. Pastor Traci is also offering walks on Tuesday's from noon to 1pm at Hager Park. Meet at the VanderLaan Building parking lot.

### HUCC COOKBOOK

It's time for an updated HUCC cookbook! Favorite recipes from church members past and present are welcomed! They may be put in a box near the sanctuary or emailed to: [pastortraci@hudsonvilleucc.org](mailto:pastortraci@hudsonvilleucc.org)

### HUCC DIRECTORY PHOTOS

The next opportunity for new directory photos will be NEXT WEEK on May 5 immediately after worship in the parlor.

### HAND2HAND BIRTHDAY BAGS

We have 21 children who have not yet received a special bag for their upcoming birthdays. We only need 11 cake mixes and 7 cans of frosting to complete these bags.



## PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound.  
Pat Haynes, Kelly Pelon, Phyllis Roh,  
Gary Sholtz, Liza Vela, and Muskegon UCC.

## 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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# Hudsonville

## United Church of Christ

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**April 28, 2024**



**Rev. Daniel Furman, Senior Pastor (he, him)**  
**Rev. Traci Parker, Associate Pastor (she, they)**

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