



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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Thanks to everyone who attended or planned the Mother's Day tea. Fun was had by all!

PUB THEOLOGY

Join us for Pub Theology this Thursday at 6:30pm at Pike 51 in Hudsonville. We are sure to have a "spirited" conversation.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Children's Sunday, when your children and youth lead worship. We look forward to our young ones sharing what God means to them.

HAND2HAND

Hand2Hand's needs for the rest of the school year are small containers of peanut butter. We will collect until June 9.

FEEDING AMERICA

In preparation for the next Feeding America food distribution in June we are collecting hygiene products such as toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, etc. You may place them in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

BARGAIN SHOP

It's Bargain Shop time again! Please start saving your donations now! We will be collecting items on-site starting in August. For now, set items aside (INCLUDING CLOTHING this year!). We are not able to accept electronics. Keep an eye out for more information. If you are in need of boxes, please email the Events Team at huccevents22@gmail.com.

"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance."

-Roy T. Bennett



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.

Paul Lidgard, Kendra Simon, Al Wooton, Sonny Bailey,
and the United Church of Big Rapids.

PRELUDE.....“Back in the High Life Again”

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather as members of the family of God.

All: We long to be happy with God and with each other.

Pastor: We gather as members of the family of earth.

All: We long to make peace with God and each other.

Pastor: We gather together to worship our God.

All: Grant us your love, peace, and joy as we sing your praises!

OPENING SONG.....“Almighty”

Almighty, most Holy God
Faithful through the ages
Almighty, most Holy Lord
Glorious, Almighty God

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Faithful through the ages
Almighty, most Holy Lord
Glorious, Almighty God

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air
Are silent to call out Your Name
The earth has no voice and I have no choice
But to magnify God unashamed

Well time marches on, with the innocence gone,
And a darkness has covered the earth
But His Spirit dwells, He speaks, “It is well,”
And the hopeless still offered new birth

Let the rocks be kept silent
for one more day
Let the whole world sing out,
let the people say

He will break the leash of death,
it will have no sting
Let the prisoner go free,
join the dance and sing

Almighty, most Holy God
Faithful through the ages
Almighty, most Holy Lord
Glorious, Almighty God

OUR CHILDREN’S MOMENT.....Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, our Mother, we thank you for teaching us to see the world’s peoples as our siblings. We thank you for reminding us that we are one family. Encourage us to renew our connections with one another, to share with one another, and to take care of the responsibilities that you entrust to us to handle. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for the order you provide in our lives. In your name we pray, Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."Good Good Mother"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whispers of love
in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Mother
It's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am,
it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a good, good Mother
It's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am,
it's who I am

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(repeat)

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

You're a good, good Mother
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 21:1-4 Brad Elders (he/him)

- 1 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury;
- 2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.
- 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them;
- 4 for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."



SERMON....."Everything, Everywhere, All at Once"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."All Who Are Thirsty"

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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As deep cries out to deep;
As deep cries out to deep
We sing...

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

PASTORAL PRAYER.....The Lord's Prayer

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....."Minuet Number 3"
Millie Bendert (she/her), viola

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....."All the People Said Amen"

You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the Kingdom, The Kingdom of God

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen
(repeat)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Back in the High Life Again"



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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