



Hudsonville

United Church of Christ
Open & Affirming

November 27, 2022

Rev. Daniel Furman, Senior Pastor (He, Him)

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

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PRELUDE....."In the Hands of God"

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us awaken to a season of anticipation.

All: How good it is to gather in God's house!

Pastor: God calls us to celebrate our diversity, differences shall no longer divide us.

All: We want to see each other through God's eyes.

Pastor: God is offering hope within and among us.

All: We will follow in the paths where God leads.

OPENING SONG....."Our God"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Katrina Furman (he/him)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

You have led us to this place, wondrous God. Now let us feel your presence as we encounter your Word. In this season we remember your unexpected appearance among us in the birth of a child. We give you thanks for making yourself known to us once again. Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."All Good Gifts"

SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 40:1-11
Katrina Furman(she/her)

SERMON....."Comfort, O My People"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."Give Thanks"

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

THE OFFERTORY....."What a Beautiful Name"

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Every Move I Make"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."In the Hands of God"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Our musicians this morning are Ali Bendert (she/her), Jon Larsen (he/him), Jim Thompson (he/him), and Paul DeYoung (he/him). Sound volunteers are Aron Duby (he/him), Ruth Lee (she/her), and Jenna Lee (she/her).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the 20 families who have already sent in an Estimate of Giving card for 2023. The current total pledged is about \$99,000. If you have not yet completed a card, please do and place in the offering.

POINSETTIAS

It is time to order poinsettia plants for Christmas. Each plant is \$20. The order form is on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall. You may choose from red, white, pink, or marble. Orders are due by December 11.

CLUB Q VIGIL

HUCC will be joining with several other churches and organizations in the area for a candlelight vigil in support of the LGBTQIA+ community after the tragic events at Club Q. The vigil begins at 6:30pm on Monday, November 28 at HUCC.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our next food distribution is December 1 at 6pm. Mark your calendars to help us feed the hungry in our community.

ELF WORKSHOP

Elf Workshop is next Sunday after worship. We will have all sorts of crafts for children of all ages to create for Christmas.

DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS CAMPAIGN

We have collected almost \$91k in Family Fare/Spartan Nash receipts for the Direct Your Dollars campaign. This puts us at just under \$60k left to go! Thank you to everyone who has turned in receipts.

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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“The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it.”

- Amanda Gorman,
National Youth Poet Laureate

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PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound.

Al Wooton, Vic Coveny, Jennifer Arbogast, Dwayne Lisinski, Craig Roh, Owen Moredyke, and St. Paul's UCC in Grand Haven.



Online Giving

Scan the QR code to connect with our online giving platform.



Our God

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes You rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes You rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God

And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against
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Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God (x2)

Give Thanks

Give thanks
With a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
(x2)

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
(x2)

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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.

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.

Every Move I Make

Every move I make
I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You
Every step I take
I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You
Waves of mercy
Waves of grace
Everywhere I look
I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God, this love
How can it be
La lalalalala,
la lalalalalalala
La lalalalala,
la lalalalalalala
(Repeat all 4 sections 1x)

La lalalalala,
la lalalalalalala
La lalalalala,
la lalalalalalala