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**PRELUDER.....** "Higher Love"

## WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God takes us by the hand and leads us.

**All: In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.**

Pastor: Eyes and hearts are opened with God's insight.

**All: Justice and peace prevail.**

Pastor: Let us prepare for the renewal that God provides.

**All: Let us worship with joy and give glory to God's name.**

**OPENING SONG.....** "The Only Name (Yours Will Be)"

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....** Katrina Furman (she/her)

### PASSING THE PEACE

### UNISON PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in and among us. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the hearts of those who benefit from injustice. Show us again the new possibilities you have in store for us. May we reflect your peace amid the noise of the world. May we find replenishment from your living waters. Amen.

**REFLECTION SONG.....** "Desperado"

**SCRIPTURE READING.....** Matthew 3:13-17  
Kelly Lockwood (she/her)

**SERMON.....** "Deep Dive"  
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

**PRAYER SONG.....** "More Love, More Power"

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

**OFFERTORY.....** "Lord I Need You"

### DOXOLOGY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**CLOSING SONG.....** "All the People Said Amen"

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE.....** "Higher Love"



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANK YOU

Our musicians today are Ali Bendert (she/her), Paul DeYoung (he/him), Jon Larsen (he/him), and Jim Thompson (he/him). Thank you for sharing your music ministry with us.

#### COUNCIL

We will have a Church Council meeting after worship in the Parlor at 11:30am. Get some refreshments and feel free to join us.

#### PUB THEOLOGY

Our next Pub Theology will be this Thursday, January 15, at Delicias Fusion just down the street on 32<sup>nd</sup> in Hudsonville. We will meet at 6:30pm.

#### HAND2HAND

The January 2026 needs for Hand2Hand are: Spaghetti-O's, Pop Tarts, packets of hot cocoa mix, small cans of chicken, noodle or rice mixes, and fruit cups. Thank you!

#### GIVING

Thank you to everyone who gave extra gifts to the church at the end of the year in December. Your generosity helped us catch up quite a bit, but we still have some more areas that need to be caught up. Any extra donations would be greatly appreciated.



## Land Acknowledgement

We, the members of Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ, acknowledge that our church resides on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabek, the People of the Three Fires: Odawa, Bodewadomi, and Ojibwe for which they were not duly compensated. We honor their historic and current sacred commitment to the land of our Creator.

## 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.

## 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.

Ruth Broderick, Sydney VanWingen, Paul Lidgard, Steve Lyon,  
Dale VanderMarkt, Tali Merchant, Al Wooton, Kendra Simon, Ken Haynes,  
Don and Bobbi Thompson, and Lowell UCC.

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# Hudsonville United Church of Christ Open & Affirming

January 11, 2026



**Rev. Dr. Daniel Furman,  
Senior Pastor (he, him)**



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