

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE....."Sounds of Silence"

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, listen for a word from our God.

All: We hear God calling from the distance and into our hearts.

Pastor: God offers us hope when we find ourselves in the wilderness.

All: Our spirits are filled with great expectations.

Pastor: Christ came as a light to the world.

All: Jesus unbinds us so that we may see and believe.

OPENING SONG.....

"Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

God of steadfast love, bring new life to this community of your people. We are eager to hear your voice and to be filled with your Spirit. Hear our voices, lifted in praise so that we might be energized and encouraged. Only you can unbind us and set us free. In your name we act and serve. Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."Wartime Prayer"

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 11:1-15
Kathy Black (she/her)

SERMON....."Red Letter Faith"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."Lord, I Need You"

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

OFFERTORY....."Wrote a Song for Everyone"

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Sounds of Silence"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

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

PALM SUNDAY

You are invited to participate in the Michigan Palm Sunday Path. This is a one mile march from Pilgrim UCC in Lansing to the Michigan State Capitol at 3pm on Palm Sunday, March 29. This event is to advocate, as Christians, the lessons from Matthew 25: to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and welcome the newcomer. There is a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Nine other states are holding similar Christian gatherings. See Pastor Dan to learn more.

HAND2HAND

The monthly needs for Hand2Hand are: small jars of peanut butter, SpaghettiOs, small cans of chicken, Ritz crackers in sleeves, fruit cups, rice mixes, microwave popcorn, and ramen noodles. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS

It's time to order Easter flowers! This year there are tulip, hyacinth, daffodil, mum, or lily plants available. Each plant is \$20. These can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. All flowers must be ordered by March 29.

EASTER EVENTS

For Easter Sunday, in two weeks, we will have our traditional Easter breakfast at 9am. We will also have our annual Easter Egg Hunt, and, of course, our worship celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Join us on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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. Mike Dykstra, Paul Lidgard, Al Wooton, Ken Haynes, Barb Price, Jim Eastman, Ruth Broderick, Kendra Simon, Roger Wright, Carol Sovereign, and Muskegon UCC.

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.



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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!***