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PRELUDE.....Voluntary on "We Gather Together"
Gordon Young

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE.....Jubilate Deo
G.F. Handel"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God speaks and nature springs to life.

All: **We thank you, God, for your gift of beauty.**

Pastor: God speaks and prophets denounce injustice.

All: **We thank you, God, for your gift of conscience.**

Pastor: God speaks and disciples perform acts of grace.

All: **We thank you, God, for your gift of neighbors.**

OPENING SONG....."Come, O Thankful People, Come"
Hymn #422 (black)

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

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

God of creation, we thank you for the earth that receives our plantings and for the sun and the rain that bring them to glorious flower. We thank you for the people who reap this harvest and turn it into food for our bodies. We thank you for our communion with you which kindles our joy in creation and stirs our affection for one another. Bless us as we give thanks. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 1: 15-23
Traci Parker (she/her)

SERMON....."Giving Thanks"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."We Gather Together"
Hymn #790 (red)

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP.....Kevin Boggs (he, him)

THE OFFERTORY.....Aria
Paul Manz

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Now Thank We All Our God"
Hymn #419 (black)

THANK YOU!

Our musician this morning is Bob Ruddy. Thank you Bob for sharing your music ministry with us!

Thanks to all who helped make Santa Paws a success yesterday!!

THIS SUNDAY

Today is our annual meeting after worship. All church members are requested to remain in the sanctuary immediately following worship so we may promptly begin the meeting. Refreshments and the birthday potluck will follow the meeting. The action items for the meeting include approving the budget, slate of nominees for team leadership, and By-Law amendments.

Tomorrow is Transgender Day of Remembrance. There will be a candlelight vigil at the Holland Armory Monday at 7pm. Our church and the Ottawa Area Center For Pride are both sponsors of the event.

HAND2HAND CLOTHING

Hand2Hand will be collecting gloves/mittens for our children at South Elementary. As we already have more than 40 children enrolled in our program, we have a lot to collect before the weather turns really cold. We try to pass these items out to the kids around the end of November. We love homemade, store bought are good too. Donations can be placed in the blue bucket outside the back door and in the orange shopping cart. We have received enough hats for our November collection. We are still looking for 20 children sized gloves or mittens. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY DINNER CHANGE

Birthday dinner meeting change. This month, we are moving the birthday dinner from the last Tuesday to next Sunday after worship. We will gather after the annual meeting and combine fellowship time with our birthday dinner. Please bring a dish to pass or just attend.

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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"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything." - Thomas Merton

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PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound.
Taliyn Merchant, Craig Roh, Al Wooton, and Holland UCC.



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

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