

# Welcome to Worship

**PRELUDE**....."Don't Carry It All"

## WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our world too often is one large sound-bite of conflicting messages filled with half-truths and self-serving rhetoric.

**All: "If I speak in the tongues of mortal and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." (1 Cor 13:1)**

Pastor: Today, we come to worship no longer to be a child but to experience anew the energy and power of love in the maturing of our faith in the power of your Spirit, O gracious God.

**All: So, come to us ever present God, that we would grow and be renewed in love; infused with a mature Spirit and molded in the ways and teachings of Christ Jesus, who makes us one. Amen!**

**OPENING SONG**....."How Great Is Our God"

**OUR CHILDREN'S MOMENT**.....Sandy Lyon (she, her)

### PASSING THE PEACE

### UNISON PRAYER

God of all people, you sent Jesus to be a friend to each of us, fill us with your love and grace for all whom we meet. Remind us that everyone we encounter carries hidden trauma and each one deserves grace. Inspire us to rejoice when we choose to live in harmony with one another. Amen.

**REFLECTION SONG**....."Break on Him"

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....1 Corinthians 13:8-13  
Sandy Lyon (she, her)

**SERMON**....."It's a Journey"  
The Rev. Roger LaWarre (he, him)

**PRAYER SONG**....."Show Me Your Ways"

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

**THE OFFERTORY**....."The Plan"

### DOXOLOGY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**CLOSING SONG**....."Lord Most High"

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**....."Don't Carry It All"

“ Love grows by giving. The love we give away is the only love we keep. The only way to retain love is to give it away. ”

-Elbert Hubbard

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Our musicians are the praise team: Ali Bendert (she, her), Jim Thompson (he, him), Paul DeYoung (he, him), and Jon Larsen (he, him). Thank you for your ministry this morning!

### GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Roger LaWarre is leading worship today. He is a retired UCC pastor. Pastor Dan will return from vacation tomorrow, September 12.

### COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Council meeting after worship in the Parlor today. Feel free to join us.

### HAND2HAND

We are collecting food items including peanut butter, soup, birthday candles and cans of frosting, and mac & cheese for South Elementary.

### PICTURE TIME

Matt Ferguson will be set up in the Parlor after worship next Sunday, September 18, with another opportunity for directory pictures to be taken.

### SAVE THE DATE

Inclusive Ottawa County will be sharing the who, what, and why of their nonprofit organization with us after worship on Sunday, September 25.

### HARVEST TABLE

There is a Harvest Table near the coat room- you can bring vegetables from your own garden to donate or you may take some home with you. We will be doing this through September so feel free to participate.

## 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.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the craft show yesterday! We appreciate all of your time and effort and were able to raise money for the building fund.

### **PRAYERS**

Remember our elderly and home bound.

Prayers also for:

Jennifer Arbogast, Dwayne Lisinski, Owen Moredyke, Craig Roh, and Sheridan UCC.



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United Church of Christ  
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**September 11, 2022**

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