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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

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

THANK YOU! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thank you all who volunteered with our parking lot clean up and at our church booth during Hudsonville Area Pride!

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology is this Thursday, July 16 at 6:30p. Join us at Pike 51 for a spirited conversation.

HOBBY HUB

Hobby Hub is next week Thursday, July 23. Bring your work(s) in progress and meet us at Pike 51 at 7pm.

STUFF THE BUS

Stuff the Bus is here! Information and donation requests are at the table outside the sanctuary. Donations are due back to the church by August 2.

GIVING NEEDS UPDATE

Please continue to give at your normal or above normal levels for the summer. Your support is essential for us to be good stewards for our neighbors and of our building and staff.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS/SABBATICAL

While Pastor Dan (he/him) is on sabbatical for rest and replenishment (returning Sept 15), please feel free to contact Pastor Rae (he/him) for any pastoral care needs. You can reach him at 616-822-0269 or pastorrae@hudsonvilleucc.org.



SOME DISABILITIES LOOK LIKE THIS



OTHERS LOOK LIKE THIS



NOT ALL DISABILITIES ARE VISIBLE

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.

Ken Haynes, Jim Eastman, Carol Sovereign, Al Wooton, Mike Dykstra, Jon Larsen, Kendra Simon, Roger Wright, Rick Potter, James Takas, Kathy Breen, Brenda Stilwill, and Rockford UCC.

PRELUDE....."Forever"

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
All: We have committed ourselves to follow the light.
Pastor: Let us open our hearts and souls to hear from the Spirit.
All: We reach out to receive, to learn, and to grow.
Pastor: The Spirit of God who dwelt in Jesus also dwells in us, offering us new life.
All: We praise God, who cares for us and gives us hope.

OPENING SONG....."Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Rae Mieskowski (he/him)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

God of wisdom, we delight to be together with You and one another. Let Your Word be proclaimed in truth. Let us burst into songs that reflect the depths of our spirits. Divine Mystery, may we know You and ourselves better. We have entered Your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in Your kin-dom. Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."Desperado"

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Laura Pickard (she/her)

SERMON....."Fertile Soil"
Pastor Rae Mieskowski (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."Goodness of God"

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

OFFERTORY....."Kesh Jig"
Millie Bendert (she/her)

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Thy Word"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Forever"

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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July 12, 2026

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



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