

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE.....Original Composition
Linda Missad (she/her)

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Christopher Grant (he/him)

Leader: Let the children and youth lead for God’s realm belongs to them.

All: We are eager to hear what they have to say.

Leader: All children are wonderfully made by our God of love.

All: We are here to support our young Christians.

Leader: When I was a child, I thought like a child.

All: Let us listen and learn from the wisdom of youth.

OPENING SONG.....“Little Children, Welcome”
Hymn #323 (black)

ADULT’S MOMENT.....Elianna Ferguson (she/her)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER.....Millie Bendert (she/her)

Loving God, we your children have gathered in this place to learn and grow in our faith. Teach us how to pray and how to love. Teach us how to forgive and how to trust. Thank you for welcoming each of us as we are and even if we stray away. Your eternal love empowers us to want to serve you and help our neighbors. Guide us in your ways. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 15:11-32
Ginnie Bendert (she/her)

SERMON.....“The Prodigal Son”
Youth

PRAYER SONG.....“This is the Day”
Hymn #84 (black)

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

OFFERTORY.....Original Composition
Linda Missad (she/her)

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

CLOSING SONG.....“Now in the Days of Youth”
Hymn #350 (black)

BENEDICTION.....Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

POSTLUDE.....Original Composition
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Our musician this morning is Linda Missad (she/her). Thank you for sharing your music ministry with us!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is Youth Sunday! Thank you to all of our children and youth for leading us in worship. Thanks, also, to the parents, teachers, and Christian Education Team for pulling this all together.

PUB THEOLOGY

Our next Pub Theology will be this Thursday, May 21, at 6:30pm. We will meet at Delicias Fusion in Hudsonville. Join us for a conversation about faith in current times.

HAND2HAND and RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

As we wrap up the school year, the needs for Hand2Hand are Spaghettios, macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, toaster pastries, small cans of chicken, and individual boxes of cereal.

The Ronald McDonald House is requesting snacks, deodorant, shampoo, socks in adult sizes, and cleaning supplies.

FELLOWSHIP TIME REQUEST

Our Fellowship Team would love to receive any donations for food to share during refreshment time after worship. Please place any items on the pink tray in the refrigerator. Thank you!



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, Ken Haynes, Jim Eastman, Al Wooton
Kendra Simon, Roger Wright, Carol Sovereign, Rick Potter, and Plymouth 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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May 17, 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!*