

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE.....	Original Composition Linda Missad (she/her)
WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
Pastor: We come to worship this day, knowing deeply what it means to struggle. All: We remember times in our lives when we've needed care and hope. Pastor: In this us vs. them world, let us instead see God in every person we meet. All: We are challenged each day to show radical love to our neighbors. Pastor: May our worship today help us remember times we have been helped... All: ...and how we can become helpers and hope-bearers in this world.	
OPENING SONG.....	"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymn #3 (red)
CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....	Pastor Rae (he/him)
PASSING THE PEACE	
UNISON PRAYER	
Uniting God, thank You for gathering us in community together. We are grateful for the times we have been cared for by others. Empower us to be peacemakers in our own ways. Embolden us to seek out those who are hopeless and in need. Guided by Christ's example, may we live our lives with bold mercy and profound compassion. Amen.	
SCRIPTURE READING.....	Luke 10: 25-37 Laura Baker (she/her)
SERMON.....	"Who is My Neighbor?" Pastor Rae (he/him)
PRAYER SONG.....	"They'll Know We Are Christians" Hymn #429 (red)
PASTORAL PRAYER.....	The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)
OFFERTORY.....	Original Composition Linda Missad (she/her)
DOXOLOGY	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
CLOSING SONG.....	"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" Hymn #539 (black)
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE.....	Original Composition Linda Missad (she/her)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Our musician today is Linda Missad. Thank you for sharing your music ministry with us!

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology is this Thursday Aug. 20. Join us at Two Guys Brewing in Wyoming for a spirited conversation!

HOBBY HUB

Hobby Hub is meeting next week, Thursday Aug. 27 at 7:00pm. Bring your work(s) in progress and join us for crafting fellowship!

HAND2HAND REQUESTS

School is almost here! We are starting to collect: Fruit snacks, individual goldfish or cheese crackers, popcorn, pudding cups, and quart sized zip-loc baggies. (All items must be peanut-free.)

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.

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. Prayers: the family of Ken Haynes, Mike Dykstra, Jim Eastman, Carol Sovereign, Kendra Simon, Roger Wright, Al Wooton, Rick Potter, Jon Larsen, the Takas & Breen family, Kathy Breen, Brenda Stilwill, Tali Merchant, Steve Lyon, Ruth Broderick and Shelby 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)
Pastor Rae Mieskowski (he, him)



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