

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE....." Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Ninth Symphony)"
Beethoven

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is Risen, indeed!**

Pastor: The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn!

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

All: **Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day!**

OPENING SONG....."Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Hymn #233 (Black)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Ruth Lee (she/her)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. You have awakened something new within us. The waiting is over. New life is here. Now, anything is possible. Lift our burdens from us and show us the way to resurrection. Open our eyes and hearts to the realms of possibility. We rejoice in the love that we feel this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 20: 1 - 18
Paul DeYoung (he/him)

SERMON....."Who Are You Looking For"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

PRAYER SONG....."Christ Arose"
Hymn #357 (Red)

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

OFFERTORY....."My Redeemer Liveth Yet"
Johann Cruger

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG....."Lift High the Cross"
Hymn #198 (Black)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Praising"
Marten

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THANK YOU

Our musicians this morning are Linda Missad and Pat Menkveld. Thank you both for sharing your music ministries with us today!

EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome to our Easter celebration! We hope you enjoyed our traditional Easter breakfast. Thanks to everyone who put the meal together.

We will be celebrating communion today. You do not need to be a member of the church to participate. All are welcomed to the table.

PASTOR DAN VACATION

Pastor Dan will be on vacation this week and will return to the office on Monday, April 13. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Rae Mieskowski at 616 822 0269.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers for Easter. You are invited to take them home with you after worship.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Next Sunday, we welcome Traci Osterman-Pierce from the Ottawa County Dept of Health and Human Services who will share with us the need for adopting teenagers. There is information on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall.

In two weeks, we will welcome Carol Tanis, formerly from Hudsonville, who will speak with us after worship about her experience growing up gay and about her book "Here Before there was Queer: A Memoir - Lies, Tears, Love, Authenticity, Fear, Resilience, Joy"

HAND2HAND

These are the needs for April: Small jars peanut butter, Macaroni and cheese Chicken noodle soup, Fruit cups, Ramen noodles, Individual boxes of cereal, Granola bars and Microwave popcorn.

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, Kendra Simon, Jim Eastman, Roger Wright, Paul Lidgard, Mike Dykstra, Barb Price, Carol Sovereign, Rick Potter, and Newaygo 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)

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