

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE....."Verset on How Firm a Foundation"
Arr. W. Kerr

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us gather for God's appearance.

All: Together we seek and aspire after truth.

Pastor: God is in this place and grants us wisdom and peace of mind.

All: God's righteousness is everlasting and true.

Pastor: Let us listen for all that God is teaching us.

All: We are here to grow in our faith and to work for justice.

OPENING SONG....."Come, O Thankful People, Come"
Hymn #422 (black)

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

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

All around us, we see trouble and wrongdoing. Our world is consumed by negativity and apathy. Lift us out of the despair we live in and grant us a new hope and a new outlook. Help us to see your wonders all around us. Inspire us to work to establish a realm of peace and faith in action. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 19:1-10
Laura Baker (she/her)

SERMON....."Transforming Love"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

UCC STATMENT OF FAITH

PRAYER SONG....."For the Fruit of All Creation"
Hymn #425 (black)

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

OFFERTORY....."Jesus, Lead Thou On"
Gordon Young

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."For All the Saints"
Hymn #299 (black)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Now Thank We All Our God"
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THANK YOU

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

COMMUNION

We will celebrate communion this morning. You do not need to be a member of the church to participate. All are welcome to the table.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Today is All Saints' Day. Part of our worship service will be dedicated to remembering loved ones who have passed from this life to the next. We will light candles and give thanks for their lives. Then, after worship, we will share foods that were favorites of our loved ones as another way to remember them. Please join us.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The church mailed out 'estimate of giving' cards for 2026. Please prayerfully consider increasing your gifts to the church for the new year so we can be even more bold in our witness of Christ's love in our community. You may bring in your completed card and place it in the offering on Stewardship Sunday, November 9.

ANNUAL MEETING

We will hold our annual meeting in two weeks on Sunday, November 16. Chairs of teams, please submit your annual reports to Pastor Dan by Sunday, November 9.

SANTA PAWS HELP NEEDED

It's almost time for Santa Paws! Our event will be November 22 from 11am to 2pm. We are looking for bake sale donations, pet wranglers, and elf helpers. If you are interested in helping or donating please email the HUCC Events team at huccevents22@gmail.com or text Angel Dannenberg at 616-498-7727.

HAND2HAND THANKS YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated nearly 1,000 items of food for our Hand2Hand Bowl this year! As we know, food is very much needed now that SNAP benefits are being paused, so for November we are requesting these items for Hand2Hand: Spaghettios, applesauce cups, small jars of peanut butter, Ritz crackers, ramen noodles, rice or noodle packets, Pop Tarts, beef sticks, cake mixes, and cans of frosting.

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.

Sydney VanWingen, Al Wooton, Paul Lidgard,
Kendra Simon, Roger Wright, Chris and Betty Sikkema,
Ken Haynes, Don and Bobbi Thompson, and Joy Like a River 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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November 2, 2025

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!***