

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE....."Shine Your Way"

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let whatever is ugly in us become small.

All: Let whatever is beautiful in us become LARGE.

Pastor: Let our fears become small.

All: Let our confidence in you become LARGE. Let us love like you. Amen.

OPENING SONG....."The Only Name (Yours Will Be)"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Sandy Lyon (she, her)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?
Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts. In each daily situation,
love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.
Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.
May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action.
May we love, and make things new. Amen.

REFLECTION SONG....."Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 5: 38-48
Christy Graff (she, her)

SERMON.....Eye for an Eye
Pastor Traci (she, they)

PRAYER SONG....."More Love, More Power"

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

THE OFFERTORY....."Let It Be"

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Lord Most High"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Shine Your Way"

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THANK YOU

Our musicians this morning are Ali Bendert, John Larsen, Jim Thompson, and Paul DeYoung. Thanks, band!

THIS SUNDAY

The August birthday dinner will be after worship TODAY, Sunday, August 25. Please COME, whether or not you are celebrating or if you brought food or not. All are welcome.

PASTOR DAN'S VACATION

Pastor Dan is on vacation. He will return to the office tomorrow, August 26.

AMOS AND HOSEA

The next Amos and Hosea, faith and politics class will be next Sunday, September 1.

HUCC BOOK CLUB

What are you reading? The HUCC Book Club had its first meeting in July, and it was great! Our books for fall are Maus, Jesus for the Non-religious, and I Know What Heaven Looks Like, which is written by Pastor Lawrence Richardson, the associate pastor of church vitality and transitions for the Michigan UCC Conference. Pastor Lawrence visited us last year and has a compelling life story. Read with us, or share with the congregation your own book recommendations! Our next meeting will be in October.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, September 8, following the worship service.

CRAFT SHOW

The annual craft show is coming up in September. There are applications in the fellowship hall either for you or if you know someone who is a crafter who would like to be a part of the show, please pick one up and pass them out. We are also having the Bargain Shop this year so please feel free to bring donations from your home to be sold, excluding clothing or electronics. Donations may be placed in the Sunday school classrooms.

PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound.
Any one who has covid and / or is facing illness this morning
The families of Palestine
All those who are grieving loved ones
Sonny Bailey, Tali Merchant, Pat Haynes, Kelly Pelon,
Phyllis Roh, Al Wooton, and Rockford UCC.

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)
Rev. Traci Parker, Associate Pastor (she, they)

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