

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE....."The God of Abraham Praise"
Wilber Held

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: What has drawn us to gather on this holy day and in this place?

All: A light of hope is burning here, where we sense the glory of God.

Pastor: The Holy One calls us to this time of worship.

All: The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Pastor: From the burning bush, God spoke to Moses. Now God speaks to us.

All: Let us worship and listen for God's message to us.

OPENING SONG....."I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Hymn #12 (black)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Erin Mieskowski (she/they)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

Source of all life, You know our inmost being and love us as we are. Even in our confusion, we come before Your presence with curiosity. Here we are, God. Prepare our hearts, minds, and souls to be in conversation with You. Call us by name, speak to us now, and invite us into our purpose. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Exodus 3:1-14
Ruth Lee (she/her)

SERMON....."When God Calls"
Pastor Rae Mieskowski (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."Great is Thy Faithfulness"
Hymn #139 (red)

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

OFFERTORY....."Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
G.W. Cassler

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."In the Midst of New Dimensions"
Hymn #391 (black)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE....."Let All Creation's Wonders"
Gustav Holst

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THANK YOU

Our musician today is Carol Rienstra (she/her). Thank you for sharing your music ministry with us!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Alice Perrin, who passed away 1 year ago. Thank you to the Perrin family for honoring Alice and carrying on her beautiful legacy.

NOISY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK

Today is Noisy Birthday & Anniversary Sunday! Bring your loose change (coins or soft money) to benefit Feeding America. Then join us to celebrate August birthdays and anniversaries for a Taco Bar Potluck! Bring your favorite toppings or sides like chips, salsa, cheese, guacamole, etc. Meat, beans, and shells will be provided. All are welcome!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Ken Haynes will be held at the church on Saturday, September 12 at 11am with refreshments to follow. Pastor Dan Furman (he/him) will be officiating. Please keep Pat Haynes (she/her) in your prayers.

HAND2HAND

School is almost here! We are collecting fruit snacks, individual goldfish or cheese cracker packets, popcorn, pudding cups, and quart-sized ziploc 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.

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Take the Hudsonville UCC Engagement Survey. Council wants to hear from you! Scan the QR code or get a paper copy in the Fellowship Hall to get started. All responses are anonymous and Council appreciates your feedback.



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.
the family of Ken Haynes, the Takas and Breen family, Jim Eastman, Mike Dykstra, Roger Wright, Rick Potter, Brenda Stilwill, Kathy Breen, Jon Larsen, Steve Lyon, Ruth Broderick, Bev Price, Tali Merchant, Al Wooton, Kendra Simon, Carol Sovereign, 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!**