



Hudsonville

United Church of Christ
Open & Affirming

November 20, 2022

Rev. Daniel Furman, Senior Pastor (He, Him)

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

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PRELUDE.....Voluntary on "Kremser"
Gordon Young

WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We dwell in a land that God has loaned to us.

All: We come with gladness to worship God and give thanks.

Pastor: The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

All: God has made us and we belong to God.

Pastor: Let us enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.

All: We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

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

OUR CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PASSING THE PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, our baskets are full with the bounty you provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving and praise. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend for us to be. Equip us to be your faithful stewards as we follow together as your disciples. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 6:25-35
Harper Haveman (she/her)

SERMON....."The Bread of Life"
Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)

PRAYER SONG....."We Gather Together"
Hymn #790 (red)

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

THE OFFERTORY....."For the Beauty of the Earth"
arr. Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CLOSING SONG....."Now Thank We All Our God"
Hymn #419 (black)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE.....Tocatta on "Rejoice, The Lord is King"
Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Our musician this morning is Bob Ruddy (he/him). Our tech volunteers are Aron Duby (he/him), Ruth Lee (she/her), and Jenna Lee (she/her).

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the budget immediately follows the worship service this morning. Please stay for the meeting and then let us gather for refreshments.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the 17 families who have already sent in an Estimate of Giving card for 2023. If you have not yet completed a card, please do and place in the offering plate to help us make our budget for the new year.

HAND2HAND

Holiday meal donations are due today! Thank you for all the hat and mitten donations - they were delivered to South Elementary before the snow started.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Herrick Public Library in Holland will hold a special community gathering today at 4pm to remember our transgender folx who lost their lives from violence in the past year. Our church is a sponsor for this event to show our support.

POINSETTIAS

It is time to order poinsettia plants for Christmas. Each plant is \$20. The order form is on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall. You may choose from red, white, pink, or marble. Orders are due by December 11.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our next food distribution is December 1 at 6pm. Mark your calendars to help us feed the hungry in our community.

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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In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life - to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God. This is what Jesus meant when He said,
"Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect."

-Mother Teresa-

PRAYERS

Remember our elderly and home bound.

Al Wooten, Vic Coveny, Jennifer Arbogast, Dwayne Lisinski,
Craig Roh, Owen Moredyke, and St. Paul's UCC in Grand Haven.



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