

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE.....	"Faith" Mendelssohn
WELCOME AND SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
Pastor: We come together as a family of faith. All: We gather to honor the living God. Pastor: Through Christ we become part of God's household. All: In Christ we are bonded together to be God's people. Pastor: Our worship is united by the Holy Spirit. All: In communion with the Holy Spirit, let us celebrate our unity.	
OPENING SONG.....	"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" Hymn #173 (black)
CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....	Ruth Lee (she/her)
PASSING THE PEACE	
UNISON PRAYER	
We gather in this sacred place to honor and adore you, O God. We come humbly in service to you and our neighbor. We give thanks that you lift up the lowly, defy the world's foolishness, and invite us to share in life at its fullest as Christ's disciples. Show us your ways to live. Amen.	
SCRIPTURE READING.....	Matthew 5:1-12 Hayley Stoner (she/her)
SERMON.....	"Upside Down" Pastor Dan Furman (he/him)
UCC STATMENT OF FAITH	
PRAYER SONG.....	"O for a World" Hymn #575
PASTORAL PRAYER.....	The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)
OFFERTORY.....	"Album Leaf" Gordon Young
DOXOLOGY	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION	
CLOSING SONG.....	"I Am the Light of the World" Hymn #584 (black)
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE.....	"Recessional" W. O'Donnell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

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

COMMUNION

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will have a new member class after worship for anyone interested in learning more about our church and considering joining. We will meet in the Parlor at 11:30am.

HAND2HAND

The monthly needs for Hand2Hand are: small jars of peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, small cans of chicken, Ritz crackers in sleeves, small individual boxes of cereal, rice mixes, and hot cocoa packets. Thank you!

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next quarterly information congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 15.

The Beatitudes, far from being a new set of virtues that further divide the religious haves and have nots, are words of hope and healing to those who have been marginalized.
-James Bryan Smith

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, Paul Lidgard, Tali Merchant, Al Wooton,
Ruth Broderick, Kendra Simon, Ken Haynes, Barb Price
Don and Bobbi Thompson, and our UCC Michigan Conference staff.

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!**