

**Discover the Fullness of Life in Christ Series - God's Plan of Redemption**

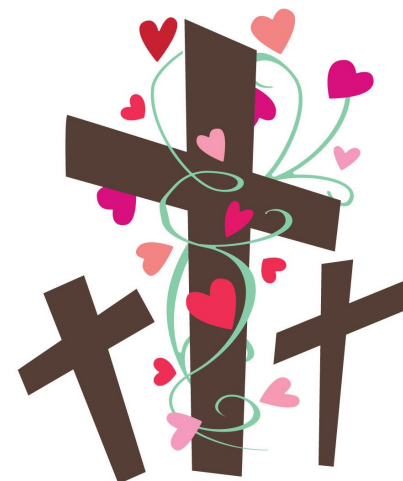
**Romans 5:1-2**

**Message: God's Remedy for Our Failure**

1. **The costliness of the deed**
2. **The worthiness of the receiver**
3. **The Greatness of the Benefit secured**

**The First Congregational Church**

United Church of Christ



2nd Sunday  
of Lent

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Tear Here

**Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place in the offering plate.**

**Your Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number or email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Prayer Request** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like someone to contact you?** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

*Second Sunday of Lent*

March 17, 2019

10:00 a.m.

\* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

**The Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Sylvia Lee

**Call to Worship**

**Praise Group**

“Joyfully”

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #502**

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Praise Group & Congregation**

“Majesty”

Michael W. Smith

Majesty, Majesty Your grace has found me just as I am

Empty handed, but alive in your hands

Majesty, Majesty Forever I am changed by your love

In the presence of your Majesty

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*Response - “Jesus Paid It All”** (refrain only)

**Blue Hymnal #305**

Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

**Story Bell**

**Mat Emerick**

“3 Part 2”

**Hymn of Preparation**

**Blue Hymnal #340**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 5:1-12

**155 O.T.**

**Message**

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

*Love Poured Out*

*(see outline on back page)*

**\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #503**

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer in Song**

**Praise Group & Congregation**

“As It Is In Heaven” (Matt Maher)

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name

Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

Our Father, who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame

Come and let Your glory, Come and let Your glory fall.

**Chorus:**

**I will sing, sing a new song I will sing, sing a new song**

**I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord**

**Let your kingdom come Let your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven Every heart proclaim**

**The mercy of Your name On earth as it is in heaven.**

God give us new every morning Mercy his daily bread

In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray

And lead us, not to temptation But deliver us with Your hand

In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray

Father we pray

**Chorus:**

Ending-Praise Group

**Offertory**

**Sylvia Lee**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all

creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Closing**

**Blue Hymnal #329**

“There is Power in the Blood” (refrain only)

There is pow’r, pow’r, wonderworking pow’r

In the blood of the Lamb.

There is pow’r, pow’r, wonderworking pow’r

In the precious blood of the Lamb.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*Postlude**

**Sylvia Lee**

*Even amid Lent we live in the light of Easter, and every Sabbath celebrates salvation! Welcome to worship, to forgiveness, to everlasting life.*

\*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

\*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

\*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

\*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

\*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

*Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.*

#### **Serving Us:**

Altar Rep:	Susan Zeerip
Altar Flowers:	(today) Barb Clark(next week)
Greeters:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) Guy & Raene` Redinger(next week)
Ushers:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)

#### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Betty Speet (19), Barb Clark (21), Bernie Denney, Al Smalligan (23)

#### **Prayer Requests ~**

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob DeShetler, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Jerry Miller - will be receiving radiation & oral chemo

#### **This Week's Calendar**

#### **Sunday, March 17**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

#### **Monday, March 18**

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

#### **Tuesday, March 19 - *Church Office Closed***

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Ann Werner's Home  
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Double Classroom Reserved - RAYZ

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, March 21 - *Church Office Closed***

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library

#### **Friday, March 22**

7:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - Church of the Living Christ

#### **Saturday, March 23**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Sunday, March 24**

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
Goulash Luncheon - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

Our Church News

The family of Betty Speet invites you to join her for coffee and cake in fellowship hall, following the service, to celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Jerry Millers** tumor was a level four. He will require multiple radiation treatments and oral chemo and needs to get these started within the next week to ten days. They are currently working with the VA on getting these started. If the VA here can't help them in Florida we will have to head back to Michigan. Thank you everyone for all the thoughts, cards and prayers.

**Jean Morse has moved** to Indiana with her daughter and son in law. She will be there at least until July. She would love to hear from her church family. The address for Jean is: 2260 Lake Crest Drive, Columbus, IN 47201.

**Book Circle will begin** again on Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ann Werner. We will organize and if anybody has a book they would like to bring and talk about that would be fine. If you know of somebody who would like to come and doesn't see the bulletin please invite them.

**Women's Fellowship will be serving a Goulash Luncheon** following worship on Sunday, March 24. A free-will offering will be received for the Wood Shop. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this delicious time of good food and fellowship.

**Women's Fellowship will be have a Spring Centerpiece Make & Take Ladies night** on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. You will be making a small centerpiece to take home with you and we will be making them for the tables in Fellowship Hall. Coffee & Cookies will be served. Please sign up by March 20 on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Lenten Breakfast** - You are invited to the Women's Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m at Fremont United Methodist Church, 351 Butterfield St. If you have any questions you may call the Fremont UMC church office at 924-0030. Hope to see you there!

**ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events**

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":

**April 27- Vaudeville Show at the Dogwood 7:00pm-** Another fun outreach variety show from CONGO to the community.

**May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")-** More details TBA but put it on your calendar!

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER**



\_\_\_\_\_ **6" Pot Easter Lilies (\$8.00) (5+ blooms)** to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, I/we will pick up our lily(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship service, the Altar Committee may take care of my/our lily(s) in an appropriate way.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

*or/and*

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

This completed form, along with your payment for each lily ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or in the church office by **April 5, 2019.**