

Message Outline:

Text: John 14:1-4

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

What is it that troubles the human heart?

Is there a way to comfort a troubled heart?

Does know what lies ahead make the difference?

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

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

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 24, 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

Louise Slager

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #21

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

Blue Hymnal #305

“Jesus Paid It All” (refrain only)

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

“Which way.....?”

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

John 14

108 N.T.

Message

Pastor Ray Dekker

Choosing the Right Path

***Hymn**

Blue Hymnal #348

“My Saviors Love” (verses 1,4,5)

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Offertory

Louise Slager

***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**

Louise Slager

Note: Louise has graciously agreed to play an extended organ postlude for those of you who especially enjoy listening to hymns on the organ.

Welcome to worship on this third Sunday of Lent.

*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 2nd 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:	Pat Krehn
Altar Flowers:	(today)
	Gary Deuling(next week)
Greeters:	Guy & Raene` Redinger(today)
	(next week)
Ushers:	Shelli Waldo, Dave White(today)
	(next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Pat Krehn & Georgia Paxton(today)
	(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Rob Pullman (5)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Gary & Beth Hooker (6)

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 31

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
11:30 a.m. Board of Charitable Giving - Chapel

Monday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board - Library

Tuesday, April 2

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Double Classroom Reserved - RAYZ

Wednesday, April 3 - Church Office Closed

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

Thursday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 5 - Church Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast - 1st Reformed Church

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, April 7

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

Lorene will be working on Monday & Tuesday (April 1 & 2) and out of the office April 3 & 5 (Wednesday & Friday). I will do the bulletin on Saturday.

Our Church News

Today we welcome Louise Slager as the accompanist for our worship service. She is filling in for Sylvia who is traveling. Thank you, Louise! Louise will be playing an extended postlude for those of you who enjoy listening to the organ. Also, special thanks to Lorene Witte who rehearsed the choir while Sylvia is away. Thank you Lorene!

Save the Date: Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon“*Life Expressions Party!*”We had one of these parties last Fall and we made \$200 for Charitable Giving. Let’s try to double that at the April party! The more people that attend the more money we make. The company donates \$10 for every sign made. No prior experience is necessary. This is a lot of fun for all AND for a great cause! Men, women and teens are invited. Bring your friends! Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Pat Krehn at 414-7256. Thanks!

Update on **Jerry Miller**. The Radiation Oncologist was an amazing breath of fresh air. He had so many positive things to say. The location of where the tumor was is ideal for treatment. It was close to the surface and easy to get to. It was far away from all of the tricky places in the brain. He had Jerry complete the CT scan as well as create the mask for radiation. Next week they will complete the last MRI needed before treatment and see the Chemotherapy Oncologist. After next Tuesday will be given a start date.

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.

Requested Announcements

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.**