

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

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

“Spring Sonata”

Look to Jesus

He Giveth More Grace

No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus

Jack Brooks

Domenico Scarlatti

John Peterson

Mark Hayes

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Chimes

Call to Worship

“Above All”

Praise Group

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

Blue Hymnal #56

Special Music

“Forever”

Praise Group

Prayer of Confession

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Story Bell

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

“Have Thine Own Way Lord” (verse 1)

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Blue Hymnal #591

Scripture Reading

Acts 28

149 N.T.

Message

Snake Bit

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (Verses 1,2,4)

Blue Hymnal #517

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

“It Is Well”

Praise Group

***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 Hymn**

“Rejoice the Lord is King” vs 1 & 2

Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!

Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

Blue Hymnal #370

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

On the Square

Jack Brooks

Frank Panella

O Lord, you are my Shepherd. Thank you for fulfilling my needs, leading me along safe pathways and restoring my soul.

***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. **Guests ~** please take a “Book Mark” and/or “ToasterTong” home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more missed pages in your book or burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a “Book Mark” or a “Toaster Tong” but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information

***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.

***Families with young nursery age children** are 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.

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:	Linda Oosterhouse
Altar Flowers:	Jack Brooks & Jim Turner(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) Jon Clapp(next week)
Ushers:	Dick Ramm, Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Mat Emerick & Craig Zeerip
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Linda & Gordon Oosterhouse & Bill & Carol Black(today) (next week)
April Towel Washer:	Pat Krehn

The flowers on the altar today are given by Jack Brooks & Jim Turner in honor of U.C.C. minister, Barry Lynn.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Colleen Conant (16), Kayla Robeck (17), Arnold Dougan (19), Bill Black, Linda Oosterhouse (21), Chris Huizenga (22), Beth Hooker, Helen Miller, Carol Stark (24), Steve Johnson (26), Mary Butterick, Evanna Harden, Ray Smith, Dav Wahl (27)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Duane & Loretta VanDuzen (24), Bob & Sally DeShetler (27)

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)

The Family of Ken Hall - Ken passed away Wednesday, April 18

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, April 22

8:45 a.m. Praise Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 23 - Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship Social - Library

Tuesday, April 24

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, April 26 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
7:00 p.m. Oasis Small Group - Lounge

Friday, April 27

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Lorene will be switching days this week - I will be out of the office on Monday and will be working on Tuesday.

Thanks to all who participated in or attended Friday's Vaudeville Show and Cookies. Special thanks to Judy Nadeau for serving as Cookie Coordinator and Jack Brooks for serving as Music Maestro! Also great thanks to the Dogwood Center for their generous support!

The kitchen will be in use April 22 - April 27 for a special event. All refrigerators will be full. Crafters - please bring your lunch in a cooler as the refrigerator will not be available. Thank you!

Social Event - All women are invited to attend a Social Event and presentation by Sandy Dekker on their trip to Israel Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study - Our first class begins this Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. I can't wait to get started. I know this is going to be an amazing class. See you all on the 24th. Beth

On Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dogwood Center the Newaygo County Community Choir will be presenting "Roaring 20's Music". A free will offering will be received. A punch reception follows. Singing from our church are Bill Black, Al Smalligan, David Vandenberg, and Dave White.

SCRIP is available in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Announcing "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":

Sunday, May 20, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Call it "Macaronirama" and Hymn Sing- We are looking for a variety of types of macaroni dishes (mac and cheese, chili mac, goulash, etc.) so if you make a tasty one please bless us with it! Afterwards we'll again gather by the piano for an old-fashioned and uplifting hymn sing.



Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501

