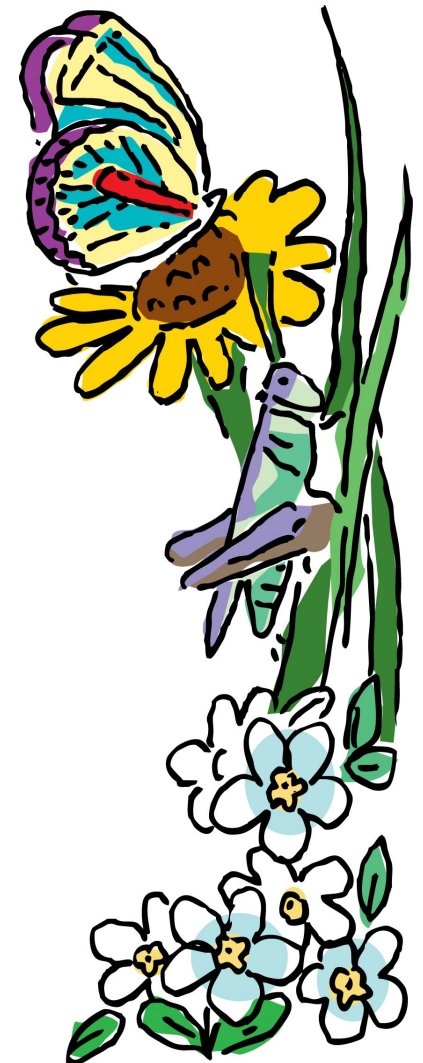


# The First Congregational Church

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Welcome  
to  
Worship



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## Mother's Day

May 13 , 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

May Jesus Christ Be Praised  
tune: Laudes Domini

Jack Brooks

Harold De Cou

Larghetto

Grandmothers Minuet

Du bist die Ruh - Franz Schubert

Thou art sweet peace, and tranquil rest

G.F. Handel

Edvard Grieg

#### Chimes

#### Call to Worship

“Jesus We Welcome Your Presence Here”

Chancel Choir

Kenton Lee

#### Welcome

#### Opening Prayer

#### \*Opening Hymn

Blue Hymnal #82

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” verses 1 & 3

#### Invitation to Prayer

#### 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.

#### Anthem

Jesus

Chancel Choir

Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash

#### Story Bell

“A Clever Thief”

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

Mat Emerick

#### Hymn of Preparation

Blue Hymnal #78

“I Love You, Lord”

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice To worship You,  
O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear;  
May if be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

## Scripture Reading

### Message

“Mother's Day”

Pastor Ray Dekker

### \*Hymn

“Like a River Glorious”

Blue Hymnal #737

## 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

Rise-up and Call Her Blessed

- In Honor of Mother's Day

Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

### \*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

### \*Choral Benediction

“Three Fold Amen”

Chancel Choir

### \*Benediction

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

### \*Postlude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Jack Brooks

Louis Clerambault



Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by mothering and comforting others. Happy Mother's Day!

**\*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 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.

*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:	Shelli Waldo
Altar Flowers:	Van & Judy Nadeau(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Shirley Brooks(today) (next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp & Karla Johnson
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)
May Towel Washer:	Jean Morehouse

The flowers on the altar are given by Van and Judy Nadeau in celebration of family.

### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Siria Pinnick, Craig Zeerip (13), Linda White (14), Rick St. Peter (15), Jack Tittle (19)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

### **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)

John Rynberg & his family (Jim's brother)  
The Family of Ken Hall

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

#### **Sunday, May 13**

8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

#### **Monday, May 14**

#### **Tuesday, May 15 - Church Office Closed**

10:00 a.m. Book Circle - Trillium Springs  
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Lounge

#### **Wednesday, May 16**

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved - Don Potter  
6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

#### **Thursday, May 17 - Church Office Closed**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters  
6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Library  
No Oasis Meeting tonight

#### **Friday, May 18**

Meetings with Art Zeilstra

#### **Saturday, May 19**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
Meetings with Art Zeilstra

#### **Sunday, May 20**

8:45 a.m. Gospel Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Open House for Duane VanDuzen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Fellowship Hall

## *Our Church News*

**For the months of June and July** we will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall. The cooler atmosphere will be a welcome and this will also give us access to using a projector as Pastor Ray and Sandy will be sharing pictures and their Israel experience.

**Book Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Trillium Springs. Nancy Johnson will be the hostess. Jill Sondeen will be doing the book review "The Barbarous Years" by Bernard Bailyn.

**Rev. Art Zeilstra** is visiting this area again on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19. He has in the past ministered to several of our congregation in powerful ways that brought spiritual healing and insight to them. Life often besets us with inner pain, grief, anger, bitterness or countless other things beyond our control and beyond our previous efforts to fix. If you would like to schedule a completely confidential 1-2 hour session and experience what could be a life altering ministry opportunity talk to Pastor Ray. He and Art are making up a schedule for Friday PM and Saturday.

**To celebrate Duane VanDuzen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, his family is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to stop by and wish Duane a Happy Birthday. No gifts and no cards - Just your presence would be much enjoyed.

**Please join us on Sunday**, May 27 as we celebrate the graduation of Dylan White, son of Angela & Rob Pullman. Following worship will have a cake & punch reception for Dylan.

**SCRIP is available** in Fellowship Hall following worship.

### *Requested Announcements*

**Wellspring Adult Day Service** is excited to announce that we are now able to receive payment through Medicaid. If you are caring for a loved one at home and could use some rest, help and support please contact Wellspring at 231-330-1655.

## **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, June 17, 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.

**Sunday, July 15- Whitecaps Baseball Game-** Congo Caravan will depart at 1:00pm for the 2:00pm game. Rides provided for any who need one. Game ticket is \$10.00 (normally \$12.50).

**Saturday, July 21- Congo Picnic on the Church Lawn, 4:00-6:00pm-** Hot dogs, brats, chips and water provided for a contribution. Bring your own softdrinks if you'd like. Please also bring a dish to pass.

**Friday, August 10, 7:00pm Vaudeville In The Park-** Veteran's Memorial Park Stage. This year's show will benefit Empowerment Network. Free will offering taken along with baked goodies sale. Baked goodies needed!

**Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501**