

The First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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Pentecost Sunday

May 20 , 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

Prelude and Sarabande

Schon eilet froh der ackers mann

from "Spring" from "The Seasons" -

Early on hurries forth the happy husbandman

We're Marching to Zion

Jack Brooks

Archangelo Corelli

Franz Haydn

Keith Varney

Chimes

Call to Worship

"This is the Day" Selection #209 Blue Hymnal

Gospel Singers

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

"Are You Washed in the Blood" (verses 1,2,4)

Blue Hymnal #330

Invitation to Prayer

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Selection #630 Blue Hymnal

Gospel Singers

Prayer of Confession

***Response**

Black Hymnal #2

Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down

I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.

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Feel like shouting "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burdens down

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Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.

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Story Bell

Mat Emerick

Hodja Makes it Rain

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

Hymn of Preparation

"I Love You, Lord"

Blue Hymnal #78

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 it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15

78 N.T.

Message

"Who is the Prodigal?"

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Blue Hymnal #575

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

"Sweet By and By" Selection #778 Blue Hymnal

Gospel Singers

***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**

"The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; The trees of the field will clap their hands; The frees of the field will clap their hands While you go out with joy.

Blue Hymnal #764

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Great Day

Jack Brooks

Adolphus Hailstork

Welcome to worship on this Pentecost Sunday! We remember the power of the Holy Spirit revealed like wind and flame, and trust in the Spirit's ongoing work in the church and world.

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

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Lynn Brookhouse, Brian Stroschin (23), Ted Clark (24),
Duane VanDuzen (26)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Brad & Stacey Church (25)

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)

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 20 ~ Pentecost

8:45 a.m. Gospel Singers Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
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 90th
Birthday - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 21

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Tuesday, May 22 - Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 24 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, May 25

Saturday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, May 27 ~ Graduation Sunday

8:45 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Our Church News

The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 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!

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.

To celebrate Duane VanDuzen's 90th Birthday, his family is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on **TODAY** - 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.



Just a quick note to update everyone on my health status. We have been working with an incredible team of Doctors here in Arizona that have been able to make some good advances in my treatment. God led us to my primary care Doctor, who put together a group of his colleagues that have given us the best of Naturopathic and Traditional medicine. I was only able to have Naturopathic medicine for several months due to my circumstances. Together with Gods guiding hand my body is now able to take a new Chemotherapy which I started last week. My results so far are all good, and we will be receiving treatment here in Arizona for the next few months. We look forward to a few short trips back to Michigan this summer, but must remain here with our team of Doctors for treatment and testing. We sincerely thank everyone of all of your prayers, cards, notes, and phone calls through what has been a long two year journey. With your prayers, Gods healing hands, and our Doctors we are working very hard to make me well again. Everyday I have the confident assurance that what I hope for is going to happen! It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see! Thank you and Bless you all, Jaime & Gary

Please join us next 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 24 (note date change), 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! Afterwords 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

