

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Welcome
to
Worship

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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

Minuet in G from Water Music
Glorify Thy Name
Gavotte in C (Jack on cello)

Jack Brooks

G.H. Handel
Adkins/Bock
J.S. Bach

Chimes

Call to Worship

“Jesus We Welcome Your Presence Here”

Chancel Choir

Kenton Lee

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“O Worship the King” (verses 1,2,3)

Blue Hymnal #104

Story Bell

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

Mat Emerick

Special Music

“I Love You Lord”

Chancel Choir

words/music Laura Klein
Choral setting, Jack Schrader

Scripture Reading

Acts 28

149 N.T.

Message

“*People and Things*”

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Blue Hymnal #460

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music for Communion

Rain Down

Cortez/Hayes

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

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

“Great Day”

Chancel Choir, Stacey Church, soloist

Spiritual - Arr. Don Whitman

***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**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
tune: Lobe den Herren

Jack Brooks

David Cherwein

Newness is springing to life all around us! Thank you, God, that your divine resurrection is revealed here on earth.

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Shelli Waldo in memory of Ginny Shoecraft.

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Sophie Sweet (8), Michelle Sweet (11)

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 6

10:00 a.m.	Worship with communion & Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Directory Photos - brides room
11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
6:30 p.m.	CongoEnJoyMeant - Film Night - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 7

10:00 a.m.	Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m.	Executive Council

Tuesday, May 8 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Technology Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study - Lounge

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10 - 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 11

Saturday, May 12

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
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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

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.

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

Hello, my name is Taylor Kosnik, and I am the Executive Director of Camp Sunshine! for individuals with developmental disabilities, ages 12-50. We invite you to shine your light with us by serving at camp! We are hoping that the Fremont Congregational Church community might be able to join us at camp as volunteers to provide counselor relief or cabin coverage.

Camp Henry Session One- July 1 - 4

Camp Henry Session Two- July 5 - 8

Camp Blodgett Session One- July 30 - August 2

Camp Blodgett Session Two- August 3-August 6

Handouts are available from Mat Emerick where you will find descriptions of volunteer tasks, important dates, and sign-up links.

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":

TONIGHT Sunday, May 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Film Night-

Charlie Chaplin's "City Lights" Today, many critics consider this film one of the greatest films of all time. In 1991, the Library of Congress selected City Lights for preservation in the United States National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". In 2007, the American Film Institute ranked it 11th on its list of the best American films ever made. In 1949, the critic James Agee called the film's final scene "the greatest single piece of acting ever committed to celluloid". Come and watch it! Popcorn and drinks will be served.



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.



Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501