

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

_____ 6" Pot Easter Lilies (\$8.00) (5+ blooms) to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

_____ 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

In Honor of _____

This completed form, along with your payment for each flower ordered may be placed in the offering plate, or in the church office by **March 29, 2020.**

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 it in the offering plate.

Your Name(s) _____

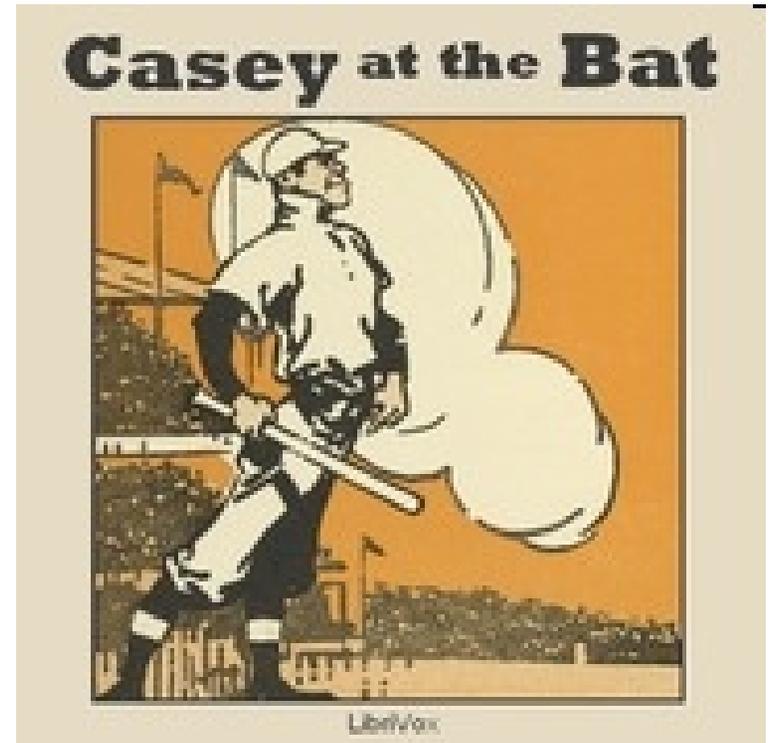
Phone number and or email _____

Comments/Prayer Request _____

Would you like someone to contact you? ___ Yes ___ No

The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

* those who are able, please stand

Prelude

My Jesus I Love Thee
I'd Rather Have Jesus
The Old Rugged Cross

David Vandenberg

Opening Song

“Cornerstone”

Praise Group

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Blue Hymnal #324

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Response (remain seated)

“At the Cross”

Praise Group

Story Bell

“Casey at the Bat”

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation (please remain seated)

“Humble Thyself”

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord;
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,
And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,
And he shall lift you up.

Blue Hymnal #622

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 16:18
Proverbs 29:23
Proverbs 18:12

599 O.T.
611 O.T.
600 O.T.

Message

“Why Casey? Why?”

Mat Emerick

***Hymn**

“There Is Power In the Blood”

Blue Hymnal #329

Prayers of and for 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sylvia Lee & David Vandenberg

***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**

“Victory in Jesus” (refrain only)
O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

Blue Hymnal #353

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

David Vandenberg

“Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” Welcome to worship!

*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 and 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 worshipping 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.

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:	Bark Clark
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	Shelli Waldo(today) John Cooper(next week)
Ushers:	Kendra Lachniet, Bill Black(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Tim Roggatz/Jeff Stewart
Coffee Hosts:	(today) Jack & Mary Butterick(next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Betty Speet (19), Barb Clark (21)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Pat Peccia, Siria Pinnick, Norma Purvis

The families of Don Potter, Jerry Miller, Jack Tittle, Frank Blain, Georgia Paxton.

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, March 15

8:45 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
7:00 p.m. Trustees - Library

Tuesday, March 17 - *Church Office Closed*

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 19 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Crafters - Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open

Friday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Men’s Lenten Breakfast -2nd Christian Reformed
9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

8:45 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
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Our Church News

Today our service will be led by Mat Emerick.

Today we welcome David Vandenbelt on the organ. Thank you David! For offertory we will have an organ/piano duet with David and Sylvia. Thank you!

Book Circle will begin again on Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 am with an organizational meeting at the home of Ann Werner. Ann will talk about a book or anyone can share a book they enjoyed. Check your email ladies and let Ann know if we should meet.

Due to the prevalence of the Corona virus, the Governor's edict concerning large gatherings, and in all due caution, the Soup Supper, Women's Lenten Breakfast, and the Travelogue have all been cancelled until further notice.

Church Door Locks: All of the exterior locks on the church were changed on 2-17-20. Any and all existing master keys will no longer work. This change will now require credentials to enter the church as we will not be issuing new master keys. The church will still be open on Sunday mornings for service and for crafters on Thursday. If you have any questions please contact Lorene or Jeff.

Upcoming Worship Leaders:

March 15 - Mat Emerick	March 22 - Gary Hooker
March 29 - Arriel VanSintel	April 5 - Gary Hooker
April 12 - Mark Jarvie (Easter Sunday)	April 19 - Mat Emerick
April 26 - Tim Roggatz	

The Men's Lenten Breakfast will begin on Friday, February 28 at 7:00 a.m. The host church will provide the devotion. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested. All men of the church and community are welcome to attend.
March 20 - 2nd Christian Reformed March 27 -
April 3 - United Methodist April 10 -

Requested Announcements

A Choral Singing Workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Family of God Community Church. Vocal instruction and exercises to improve individual and group singing with

professional voice coach and tenor - Carlos Seise. For more information contact Sharla Schipper at 231-250-7385.

Enjoy Singing? Join the River Country Community Choir as rehearsals begin on Tuesday, March 24-May 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Family of God Community Church. The Concert will be Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center.

The Nest Upscale Resale would greatly appreciate your donations. There is a specific need right now for furniture. Donations are tax deductible and are welcomed any time during business hours. All store proceeds support local Christian education. We also have many different opportunities for new volunteers. Store contact number is 924-3930. Thank you for your support.

Love In the Name of Christ of Newaygo County has a Transformational Ministry Assistant position open. The position would be for 30-34 hours per week, M-F (including Monday evenings at our TM program). If interested, please contact Laurie Plakmeyer at 231-652-4099 x 125, email: lauriep@loveincnewaygo.com.

Please remember to be vigilant about doing the following for not spreading any illnesses:

~Remain at home if you are sick (and remain home until you are symptom-free for 24 hours) and avoid close contact with people who are sick. This is still pertinent, despite the fact that we are not in session.

~Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

~Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

~Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.

~Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.

Be assured that we serve the Great Physician! - Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.