

## 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

Blue Hymnal #670

“Make Me a Blessing” (verse 1)

Out in the highways and byways of life,

Many are weary and sad.

Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,

Making the sorrowing glad.

Make me a blessing;

make me a blessing.

Out of my life may Jesus shine.

Make me a blessing,

O Savior, I pray.

Make me a blessing to someone today.

## Benediction

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

## \*Postlude

Sylvia Lee

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Tear Here

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 or email \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Prayer Request \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like someone to contact you? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

# The First Congregational Church



For in one Spirit we were all  
baptized into one body ...

1 Corinthians 12:13, ESV

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**September 29, 2019**

**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**

**Sylvia Lee**

**Call to Worship**

**Praise Group**

“Even So Come”

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Congregation & Praise Group**

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of your mighty love.

**Chorus:** Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
power and majesty praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the sea’s will roar  
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

**Chorus:**

**Invitation to Prayer**

**Congregation & Praise Group**

“The Power of Your Love”

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed...renewed...  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord, I’ve come to know the weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away by the pow’r of Your love,

**Chorus:** Hold me close, let your love surround me;  
Bring me near; draw me to your side.  
And as I wait, I’ll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with you, Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow’r of Your love.  
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In the pow’r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,  
In living ev’ry day in the pow’r of your love.

**Chorus:**

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*Response**

**Congregation & Praise Group**

“Majesty” (MWS version)  
Majesty, majesty Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed, but alive in your hands  
Majesty, majesty Forever I am changed by your love  
In the presence of your Majesty (repeat)

**Story Bell**

**Mat Emerick**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**Blue Hymnal #563**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”  
Open my eyes that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

**Scripture Reading**

I Corinthians 12

**174 N.T.**

**Message**

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

*Common Source for Life*

**\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #399**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

**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**

**Sylvia Lee**

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*As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us “worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth.” Welcome, all!*

\*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, 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.

\*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 worshiping 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 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.

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

*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:	Linda Oosterhouse(today) Bible/Communion(next week)
Greeters:	Georgia Paxton & Don McKivitz(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	(today) (next week)
Compassion:	All Deacons
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)

### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Troyer Church (29), Jean Morse (2)

### **Prayer Requests ~**

*Our shut-ins:* Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Health Concerns - Jerry & Helen Miller, Jan Stone, Stacey Church, Briann & Zack Meeuwenberg and their unborn baby (Guy & Renae` Redinger’s daughter)

### **This Week’s Calendar**

#### **Sunday, September 29**

8:45 a.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase

#### **Monday, September 30**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Tuesday, October 1 - *Church Office Closed***

1:00 p.m. Woodshop Open  
3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study - Lounge  
6:30 p.m. Men’s Gathering - Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, October 2**

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

#### **Thursday, October 3 - *Church Office Closed***

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

#### **Friday, October 4**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
Wedding Rehearsal

#### **Saturday, October 5**

Wedding - sanctuary

#### **Sunday, October 6**

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
SCRIP is available for purchase  
6:00 p.m. Concert by Louise Slager & Mary Jane Mack - sanctuary

## Our Church News

**Hay Art** - Men of the church are working hard to effectively plant the hay in the most effective places for viewing during the Harvest Festival. If you would like to add financial support to the project to insure a great successful harvest, see farmer Dean.

**New Men's Group** (not bible study per se) will be starting at the same time as the Women's Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) We also will be using a video series. More to come later.

**Crop Walk** - Sunday, October 6. Walkers & Sponsors are needed. If you are willing contact Ann Werner, 924-0192

**Mark Your Calendar for NEXT** Sunday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a Concert by Louise Slager and Mary Jane Mack. A free will offering will be received. Proceeds go to "Wellspring." Coffee and cookies will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Congregational Women's Fellowship. All are Welcome!!

**We will be having a Life Expressions/Sign Party** on Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The money is raised in this way: A 4X24" Make & Take Sign costs \$25. For every adult sign made there is a \$10 profit. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. Everyone is invited including friends, neighbors and family! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Questions? Talk to Pat Krehn 231-414-7256

## Requested Announcements

**Flu Shots will be** administered here in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. No appointment needed this is a walk-in flu clinic.

**Newaygo County 2019 Day of Caring**, Friday, October 4 at Camp Newaygo, Welcome & breakfast begins 8:30 a.m. Join other civic and community members for this annual day of Giving Back to our community by working on building the entryway pavilion, landscaping & grounds maintenance (please bring a rake and gloves), assembling picnic tables. If you can only come for breakfast, you are still most welcomed. Questions? Contact Jim Rynberg, 924-2101.

**Fremont Community Forum on Human Trafficking** - Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the First Reformed Church. Learn the truths and myths of human trafficking. Learn how to recognize red flags

of human trafficking. Training on giving safe tips for teens. See flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

**Play for United Way - Newaygo Go County** - Hosted by Newaygo County Community Committee, Thursday, October 17, 10:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Stone Lodge. Cost \$35 per person. If attending lunch only \$25. Salad luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Emilee Syrewicze, Ex. Direction - Opera Grand Rapids. Outstanding prized! RSVP by October 10 by calling Jim Rynberg 924-2101 or 924-6345.

**Wellspring Adult Day Services** "Fill the Well" Auction will be held on Thursday, October 17 at Reeman Christian Reformed Church. The proceeds will help support this valuable program which benefits our whole community. Donations will be matched by the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

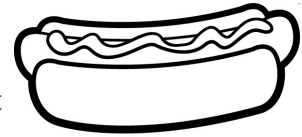
**A Focus On Life dinner** will be held on Oct. 28 at the Shack in White Cloud. Join with other pro-lifers to hear a message of hope for the future on the protection of the vulnerable in our County. Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$160 for a table of 8. For information or tickets call Newaygo County Right to Life at 924-0259.

## 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, Oct 20, 5:30-7:30- Hot Dogs and Hot Hymns!- Three classic hot dogs- the Chicago, the Detroit and the New York! The New York dog features sauerkraut and spicy brown mustard. The Detroit dog is also called the "Coney Island" and is a chili dog with shredded cheese. The Chicago dog features pickles and relish. Of course, anyone can create their own dog. The dogs will be all beef and cut in half so you can try more than one without getting stuffed! Afterwards we'll heat up our souls with a hot hymn sing-along! Bring a friend!