



First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

*"No matter who you are,
or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here."*

Senior Minister
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Sunday, January 14, 2024

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Communion Sunday
January 14, 2024

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Cantilena, by Josef Rheinberger

GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, we gather but will we listen?

And if we listen, God, will we hear?

If You call us, will we follow?

Lord, if you make our way, will we go?

**Please God, listen to the yearning of our souls,
hear the earnestness of our longing for You.**

**Emmanuel – God-With Us - give us courage
to live our “Yes!” to life with You.**

In Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Those who wish may stand

HYMN

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We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness



We yearn, O Christ for whole - ness and
We long to have com - pan - ions who
We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O
for your heal - ing touch; too long have we felt
tra - vel by our side, strong friends to call and
Christ of Gal - i - lee, a pres - ence that re -
help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
vives us and sets our spir - its free.
For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we
As we lift up each oth - er when
No long - er are we fear - ful, your
make our plead - ings heard, in hope and ex - pec -
strug - gles lay us low, com - mu - ni - ty de -
love per - vades each place. Em - pow - er us with
ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

SCRIPTURE READING

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

MESSAGE

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING

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God Of Change and Glory

God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
God of man - y col - ors, God of may - y signs,
when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
As the old ways dis - ap-pear, let your love cast out our fear.
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.
In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise
one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man - y ways,
hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION PRAYER

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Ru-ler Al - migh - ty;
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.
 Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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...All this we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to say:

**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.**

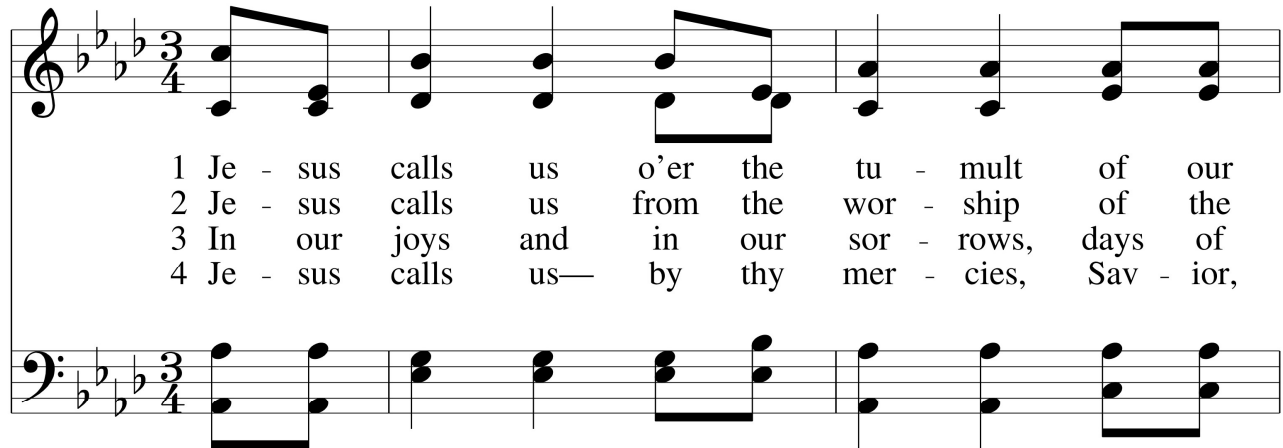
SHARING THE MEAL

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CLOSING HYMN

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Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Choral Song, by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Today's Service

Rev. Kristen Orion	Guest Pastor
Dr. Michael Match	Music Director/Cantor
John Mattson	Organist
Jane Clingman-Scott	Liturgist/Prayers of the People
Blake Filius	Audio and Video
Krys & Erica Kelly, Tom Hardy	Communion Servers

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Cookies are again appreciated for our Coffee Fellowship Sundays after worship. Those whose last names begin with the letters K-N please bring if you can, cookies or bars for the month of January. Gluten and sugar free cookies, or home made are also welcome.

*Where did that file go? Have trouble finding a computer file or an old email? Please join Elisabeth Major after worship service on Sunday January 14th in Fellowship Hall for *Tips to Organize and Find Files and Emails - A Tech Talk*. Second in a series of 3 very brief presentations about specific technology subjects, the 10-minute presentation packs lots of useful information without a huge time commitment. Plus, there'll be snacks!*

Exercise classes have resumed on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9-10. Drumming exercise class on Thursday mornings from 9-10. Cost for each class is \$3.

No Name will meet Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 pm at Fricano's in Muskegon. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you will be attending! Host is Barb Wenk.

Just a reminder that GSA meets every Monday from 7-8 pm at FCC.

Let's Make A Mess! Painting Class will be this Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 1:00 pm. This class is an Acrylic Liquid Pour Art. Please sign up for the class at the Welcome Center if you can join us. Look for a material list of items to bring to class.