

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
October 25, 2020**

*Ecclesia reformata semper reformanda...*

*or*

*God is still speaking.*

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**OPENING HYMN *I Greet The Who My Sure Redeemer Art***

**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.

**Gracious God, continue to speak to us and through us.  
Trouble our complacency when we are not troubled by  
injustice and wrong, and yet give us grace to act always  
with love. May our desire for what you desire, and our  
trust that you will accomplish it, bring us peace always.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 22:34-36

**MESSAGE** SEMPER REFORMANDA

**HYMN OF RESPONSE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*ending with 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.**

*(Many Congregationalists in the early days felt that using the Lord's Prayer  
as a fixed part of worship was far too "liturgical." The traditional form in this*

*Congregation uses "debts" and "debtors," but you are free to join in with whatever version you know.)*

## **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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **BLESSING AND SENDING**

**CLOSING HYMN *Lord I Want to Be a Christian***

## **Announcements**

**Giving Hope For Growing Hope** - While many things have changed due to the pandemic, some things have remained the same. One of these unchangeables is the great need of our global neighbors for sustainable food security.

In March and April we at FCC were not able to complete our Meatless Mondays fundraiser for Growing Hope and, as Thanksgiving Sunday approaches it is unlikely we will be able to receive our traditional Noisy Offering, as we continue to worship virtually.

SO - we invite you to join us in an online fundraiser for Growing Hope, which we are calling "Giving Hope for Growing Hope". Please consider what you can contribute to this effort anytime between October 11-November 22, and designate your gift to "Giving Hope for Growing Hope" as we continue to help others who seek food security for themselves and their families.

## **Special Scholarship For First Congregational Church Members -**

Dorothy and Jane had always wanted to do something in memory of their mother, Dollie Mae Damm, an early Muskegon resident. They created the Dollie Mae Damm Scholarship, which is open to members of the First Congregational Church pursuing a degree in education. Apply online at the Community Foundation's website:

[www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships). You will be asked to indicate you are a church member in the application. **Deadline to apply is February 1, 2021.**

**Did You Know You Can Apply For A Scholarship?** The Community Foundation for Muskegon County awards over \$1.3 million in scholarships

every year. If you're a high school/homeschooled senior, current college student, early college senior or adult returning student, the Community Foundation may have a scholarship for YOU! And it isn't just college; the Community Foundation has a number of scholarships for technical or trade school, too. The application for 2021 scholarships IS OPEN! More information and the online application are located at: [www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships). **Deadline to apply is February 1, 2021.**

**We Are On TV!** The majority of our congregation and friends can access our worship services through YouTube and/or Facebook. We know that there are still a few who cannot. We are partnering with Comcast Channel 7 to bring our service to everyone. They will broadcast on Sunday and Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:00 pm. Check us out!



**Youth Worship:** We hope that you are able to worship with us virtually, on your own schedule! Please share this with others and keep in touch with us! Here is a link to our Youth Worship Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/Youth-Worship-at-First-Congregational-Church-258853638149298/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Youth-Worship-at-First-Congregational-Church-258853638149298/?ref=page_internal)

**Remembrance Sunday, November 1:** We invite you to remember our FCC family who have passed this last year (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020).

**FCC Office Cell Phone Number:** 231-260-8559. Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

### **Weekly Calendar:**

<b>Sun Oct 25</b>	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship
	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service
<b>Tue Oct 27</b>	11:00 am	Virtual Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	FCC Food Pantry
<b>Wed Oct 28</b>	9:00 am	Building Volunteers
	10:00 am	Virtual Youth Worship Activity
<b>Sun Nov 01</b>	10:30 am	Virtual Worship Service/Remembrance Sunday

### **Weekly Scripture**

**SUN OCT 25 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Reformation Sunday**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thessalonians 2:1-8;  
Matthew 22:34-46

**MON Oct 26** Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1:1-6; Luke 13:10-17

**TUE Oct 27** Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128:1-5; Luke 13:18-21

**WED Oct 28** Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 145:10-14; Luke 13:22-30

**THU Oct 29** Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10; Luke 13:31-35

**FRI Oct 30** Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111:1-6; Luke 14:1-6

**SAT Oct 31** Philippians 1:18-26; Psalm 42:1-2, 4; Luke 14:1, 7-11

**SUN Nov 01** Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 34:1-10,22