

## Welcome, All Worshipers

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

*“Simply accept the fact that you are accepted!”-Paul Tillich*

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A unisex “handicap-accessible” restroom is located thru the doors to your left when you exit the sanctuary, a ladies room is near the Lockwood Street entrance, and a men’s room is in the middle hallway.

Childcare is available from **Gabby** Benedict during the Worship Service.

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand  
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PRELUDE & CHIMES

**Kat Tomaszewski, Organist & Choir Director**

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Boris Gerber, Lay Reader**

### **How Great Thou Art-vs 1**

**\*OPENING HYMN #423 “Great is Your Faithfulness” vs. 1&3**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYER**

**Leader: We give you thanks gracious God that we can see the words of Isaiah fulfilled in Jesus the Christ.**

People: We can see, hear and feel the words of Isaiah come alive.

**Leader: Isaiah’s words come alive in our individual and our communal lives inside and outside the church.**

People: We see in Jesus how precious the world is to you and how you honor and love your creation.

**All: Let us gather and worship the God who in Jesus makes the good news of Isaiah come alive.**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

**Leader: As we gather this morning help us to open our eyes to truly see, open our ears that we may truly hear, open our minds to understanding and our hearts to feel and share your love.**

People: Help us to honor the past and to live in the present and envision your call to the future. Here we are gracious creator send us into your world. Let us give thanks and praise. Amen.

#### **THE GLORIA PATRI** (sung)

**“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC WITH DAN AGER-“ON THE WINGS OF A DOVE”-SOLO**

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 5:18-6:5**

18- THEREFORE JUST AS ONE MAN’S TRESPASS LED TO CONDEMNATION FOR ALL, SO ONE MAN’S ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO JUSTIFICATION AND LIFE FOR ALL. 19-FOR JUST AS BY THE ONE MAN’S DISOBEDIENCE THE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO BY THE ONE MAN’S OBEDIENCE THE MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS. 20-BUT LAW CAME IN, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE TRESPASS MULTIPLIED; BUT WHERE SIN INCREASED, GRACE ABOUNDED ALL THE MORE, 21- SO THAT, JUST AS IN EXERCISED DOMINION IN DEATH, SO GRACE MIGHT ALSO EXERCISE DOMINION THROUGH JUSTIFICATION LEADING TO ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. 6-WHAT THEN ARE WE TO SAY? SHOULD WE CONTINUE IN SIN IN ORDER THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? 2- BY NO MEANS! HOW CAN WE WHO DIED TO SIN GO ON LIVING IN IT? 3-DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? 4- THEREFORE WE HAVE BEEN BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. 5- FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM IN A DEATH LIKE HIS, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE UNITED WITH HIM IN A RESURRECTION LIKE HIS.

**\*HYMN #547 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” – vs 1-3**

SERMON: Sin and Grace

Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case

#### **I LOVE TO TELL THIS STORY- VS1**

**\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host!**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”**

#### **WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS-VS 1**

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (HAND-HELP MICROPHONE) AND PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1&4&5

\*BENEDICTION

All: Life is short...and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So...be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Minister: And the blessing God, who made us, who love us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. Amen.

\*UNISON RESPONSE (sung)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Amen. (Words and music by Michael Joncas, 1979, with permission CCLI#1117-0235)

\*POSTLUDE

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: Boris Gerber  
Child Care: Gabby Benedict

Usher: Tom Grubaugh  
Counter: Nancy Wedge

\*\*You will notice that there is a red candle on the Communion Table in the sanctuary. It will burn throughout the search process. It is to remind us to pray for Paul and Patty, the Search Committee and the person who one day will be our pastor. \*\*

This Week's Calendar

Sun Nov 15 10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Service

Church Closed due to Covid19, until further notice

Announcements

United Northern Association UCC Prayer: Gaylord First Congregational UCC

Flowers: Murphy-To celebrate a Birthday!

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 15, 2020

*"We welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love."*



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