

First Congregational Church of Saugatuck

Worship Outline - August 2nd, 2020

Welcome Jingle

*Let us build a church
Outside the walls
Where all can safely be
A place of worship, hope and heart
Where we forge community.*

*Build of prayer and Word and service
A family of God's grace
Let us now proclaim from neighbor to neighbor
All are welcome! All are welcome!
All are welcome in this place!*

Words of Welcome

God is good. **All the time.**

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Call To Worship

To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

"Come and eat! There's more than enough for all!"

To those who are thirsty, Jesus says:

"Come and drink! It's free for the taking!"

To those who are seeking, Isaiah says:

"Stop wasting your money on food that doesn't satisfy.

Go to God, and you will find everything you need!"

Today we will break the bread and we will raise the cup.

Together, feasting in God's abundant love! Cheers!

Bells

Opening Hymn - When Morning Guilds The Skies

When morning gilds the sky,
our hearts awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
in all our work and prayer
we ask his loving care:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high,

the hosts of angels cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise
their voices in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, when day is past,
of all our thoughts the last:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Then let us join to sing
to Christ, our loving King:

May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Invocation Prayer with Lord's Prayer

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with what seems to drain our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out with reassurance. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace...

Let's raise our voices together in the prayer that Jesus taught us saying...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but delivery us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Kid's Sending Song - Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading - Matthew 14: 13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

Worth And The Kingdom Of God

Communion Hymn - We Come As Guest Invited (verse 2)

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;

with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

Prayer of Confession

God is present to us, but we don't always feel it.

God is good to us, but we can't always accept it.

Fact is, there are things within and around us

that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness.

There are things that we think, things that we do,

that act to separate us from God.

The church calls that "sin."

Let us confess our sins silently to God, in the presence of each other.

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God of all mercy:

I confess that sin grips me and

I cannot break free.

The sins in my mind, on my lips,

in my acts done or even ignored

Stand between me and you.

My entire heart is not always yours.

My love of neighbor falls short.

In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me.

Grant us your renewing forgiveness.

Lead us on your paths of righteousness,

And we shall delight in you

And we shall follow you

Giving glory to your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread And The Cup

Hymn of Response - Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Congregational Prayer

Sung Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord.

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Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Sending Blessing

I bless you with joy

May you find moments of laughter and bliss

In the midst of suffering and distress

May you cherish those times and may they sustain you

I bless you with the fruits of humility

May your humble and sacrificial actions

Be instrumental in preserving your community

And loving your neighbors

I bless you with peace

In the face of uncertainty

May you know the faithful presence of the God who provides

Go in peace.

Wash your hands.

Love your neighbors.

You are not alone.

Closing Hymn - Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

*** Reading of the Covenant & Charge**

We covenant with the Lord and one with another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.

Sending Song - My Friends May You Grow In Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
now and forever, amen.

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now and forever, amen.