

First Congregational Church of Saugatuck

Worship Outline - July 26th, 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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Bells & Call To Worship

**Come all who are weary
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division**

We are here to sit at the feet of Christ, to receive

his instruction and his wisdom.

Come all who are heavy-laden

with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

We are here to gather with the Body of Christ,
to find unity and comfort.

Come all who have hope

for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom

We are here dream, strive and seek the Kingdom of God.

Hear these words

“See, I am making all things new.”

Opening Hymn - This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go,

I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,

I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,

I'm gonna let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me,

I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me,

I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Invocation Prayer with Lord's Prayer

**Holy One, you know us already.
Help us to know you better.
Let us see you all around us.
Fill our worship with your Spirit
so that we may learn to recognize your presence
in all places...**

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 13: 31-33, 44-52

31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." 33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the

sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Sermon

Parables of Promise

Hymn of Response - The Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the
God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the
Wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
Fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my
Weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
Name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the
Depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
Very name puts the proud to shame, and to
Those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
Strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the

Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a
Stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The
Hungry poor shall weep no more, for the
Food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remeber
Who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver
Us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This
Saving word that out forebears heard is the
Promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God, who is turning the world around.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

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 (see bulletin)

You are like mustard seeds. Praise be to God for the wonders that are hidden within you, yet to be uncovered and grow!

Mustard seeds? That doesn't sound like much. They are just something to be thrown down in the dirt. What's so good about being mustard seeds?

Within each of you are wondrous gifts and talents that you haven't found yet. Be patient and wait. God will reveal those gifts and you will discover the many ways in which you are called to serve. You may be those who offer shelter and nurture for others who feel lost and alienated. Just wait and be ready!

God, give us patience and help us to wait for you to work within us.

You are yeast! Praise be to God for the wonders that are hidden within you, yet to grow!

Yeast? It is a mysterious thing, using sugar and sweetness to help it grow. Why in the world would God call us yeast?

Energy and joy abide within you! You may be those who influence people, who invite them to open their hearts to God. One thing is for sure, you will transform people's lives in God's name.

Lord, give us patience and help us to be ready to work for you!

* **Closing Hymn - Blessed Be The Tie That Binds**

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

* **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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