

First Congregational Church of Saugatuck

Worship Bulletin - July 12th, 2020

Welome 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, let us worship the Creator Almighty!

For we are the Lord's people.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

That we might both hear and heed the God's teachings and wisdom.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

That we might both see and perceive the work of God in our midst.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts.

That we might understand God's will for us in this world.

Opening Hymn

Come Ye Thankful People Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,

fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,

in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Invocation Prayer with Lord's Prayer

God of old stories and new beginnings, open our lives today to the 'new' that you long to accomplish in our lives. As you called Abraham and Sarah to walk faithfully with you, speak our names today, call us to higher purposes, fill us with your Spirit that we may worthily praise you and magnify your holy name.

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 -Genesis 25: 19-34

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head

and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place — and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." 18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz.

Sermon

Hymn of Response - Wonderful Words of Life

1 Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;

let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty:

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life;
beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

2 Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven: [Refrain]

3 Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;

Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever, [Refrain]

Congregational Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Where Two, Where Three

A Blessing

Take my hand
and you will see
how this blessing
finds its way
to us
not as if
we each held
a piece of
its puzzle
but as if
it cannot resist

this space that opens
between us,
this place that is made
where we two meet,
where we three touch,
where we gather
with our eyes
open
with our hearts
open
with our hands
open
one to another
and on our lips
the name of Love,
all the blessing
we need ever
know.

Doxology (#563) & Blessing the Offering

Sharing the Ministry

***Closing Hymn - Tree of the Field**

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands

While you go out with joy

* **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.