



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Healing the Community”
Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 14, 2020
10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship
and relevant messages deepen spirituality
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

Our Church’s Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor
Jeannette Len, Office Administrator
Nicole Finney, Child Care
Sue Sackett, Custodian
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Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text, and an asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, as you are able. Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time.*

Helpful worship notes and information on the church can be found in the brochure by the hymnals.

Guests and visitors – a special welcome! Please fill out a “Welcome” card (in the pew pocket) and put it in the offering plate so we may send you a small gift.

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS/CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has called us to a ministry of reconciliation.

Many: We hear you, Jesus, and we are here!

One: To understand and know our role in this ministry, we have to start by listening to God’s voice.

Many: We know you are still speaking, oh God, and so we are listening!

One: To be able to listen, we need to lay down our griefs, our frustrations, our confusion, our burdens—everything that is on our hearts.

Many: We are all carrying heavy loads right now, dear God, please take them for a time, so that we might better hear your voice.

One: To be able to lay down our griefs here, we need to trust God.

Many: We trust you to love and care for us, oh God, and so we lay our burdens down.

One: To be able to lay down our frustrations and confusions, we need to be able to trust one another.

Many: We love our neighbors as ourselves, trusting our community to empathize with us, hear us, and love us.

One: And so let us join together as a community to be guided by, listen to, and trust in our God.

Many: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #495 (verses 1, 3, 4)

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

*COLLECT PRAYER

One: Let us pray

Many: God of the still small voice, God of the raging, angry winds, God of the whispering breezes, we know that you speak to us in many different ways. And so we ask that you help us to really, deeply hear you, so that we may know the best ways to act and be in these difficult times. In the name of Jesus, who reconciled us all to you, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“The Summons”
(Katie Miller-Purrenhage, flute)

John Bell

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52 NRSV (pg. 922)

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE #283

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

HOMILY

“Healing our Community”
Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart hartacre3@aol.com*

*CLOSING HYMN #76

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Happy Trails... Until We Meet Again”

*Please join us for a Zoom coffee hour after the service. Grab a coffee or your favorite beverage and a snack and join the Zoom call using the link sent in the email with this bulletin (or in the link sent through the Thursday Pause).

- Unless otherwise listed all hymns and responses come from the New Century Hymnal
- One really good resource for hearing others’ stories is the New York Times “A Conversation on Race.” If you haven’t watched these yet, I strongly recommend them: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/your-stories/conversations-on-race>

SUNDAY ROSTER

Homily – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

Fresh Perspective - Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

Virtual Coordinator – Emily Miller-Purrenhage

Music Coordinator – Katie Miller-Purrenhage

Flute – Katie Miller-Purrenhage

Liturgist – John Miller-Purrenhage

HEALTH CONCERNS

Please follow these links for accurate and up to date information regarding the Coronavirus.

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html

*Resources found on this website are for individuals experiencing mental and emotional health challenges during this time. Many of these resources are free.

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

<https://www.barryeatonhealth.org/covid-19-resources-and-update>

https://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_churches_establish_protocols_preach_awareness_not_panic_as_covid_19_cases_grow_03102020

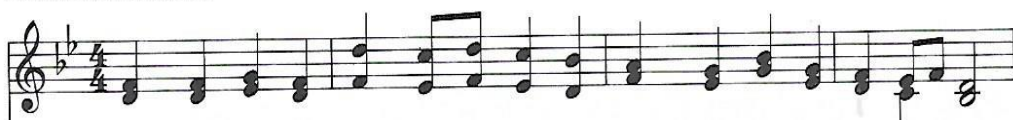
Verses 1, 3, 4

Called as Partners in Christ's Service



495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981



John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22





1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life


We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com - pas-sion to in - crease,

E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor
to Christ and that name which we bear.**