



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Impact vs Intent: A Lesson I Learned from my Dad”**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 21, 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  
Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus

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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: God of love, we gather today to hear your voice.

**Many: Grant us hearts of loving-kindness.**

One: God of justice, we gather today to seek your guidance.

**Many: Grant us the ability to hold discomfort so that we can learn and grow.**

One: God of peace, we gather today to learn how to be peacemakers.

**Many: Grant us the ability to deeply hear and know the needs of others.**

One: God of mercy, we gather today to seek and give forgiveness.

**Many: Grant us forgiveness for our trespasses and the ability to forgive those who trespass against us.**

One: God of grace, we gather today to thank you.

**Many: For your love, justice, and compassion, we thank you, oh God. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #11 (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

“Bring Many Names”

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

### \*COLLECT PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

**Many: God, Parent of us all, gather us from near and far and hold us close. Let us feel the light of your love as we worship together today. Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

“Any Dream Will Do”

### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 7: 5-13 (The Message)

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

**Many: Thanks be to 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

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MUSICAL REFLECTION “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”

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](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

\*CLOSING HYMN #459

“Come, oh Fount of Every 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
- Two movies have been made available for free rental on digital platforms during the month of June. **“Just Mercy,”** the 2019 film about the work of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson, has been made available by Warner Bros. Pictures. Here is a link <https://www.justmercyfilm.com/>. **“Selma,”** Ava DuVernay’s powerful drama telling the incredible story of how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the epic march from Selma to Montgomery to secure equal voting rights, is being made available by Paramount. Here is a link <https://vupulse.com/c/5354>

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## **SUNDAY ROSTER**

**Liturgist** - Troy Arient

**Homily** – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Fresh Perspective** - Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Organist** – Chuck Byam

## **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](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](https://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_churches_establish_protocols_preach_awareness_not_panic_as_covid_19_cases_grow_03102020)

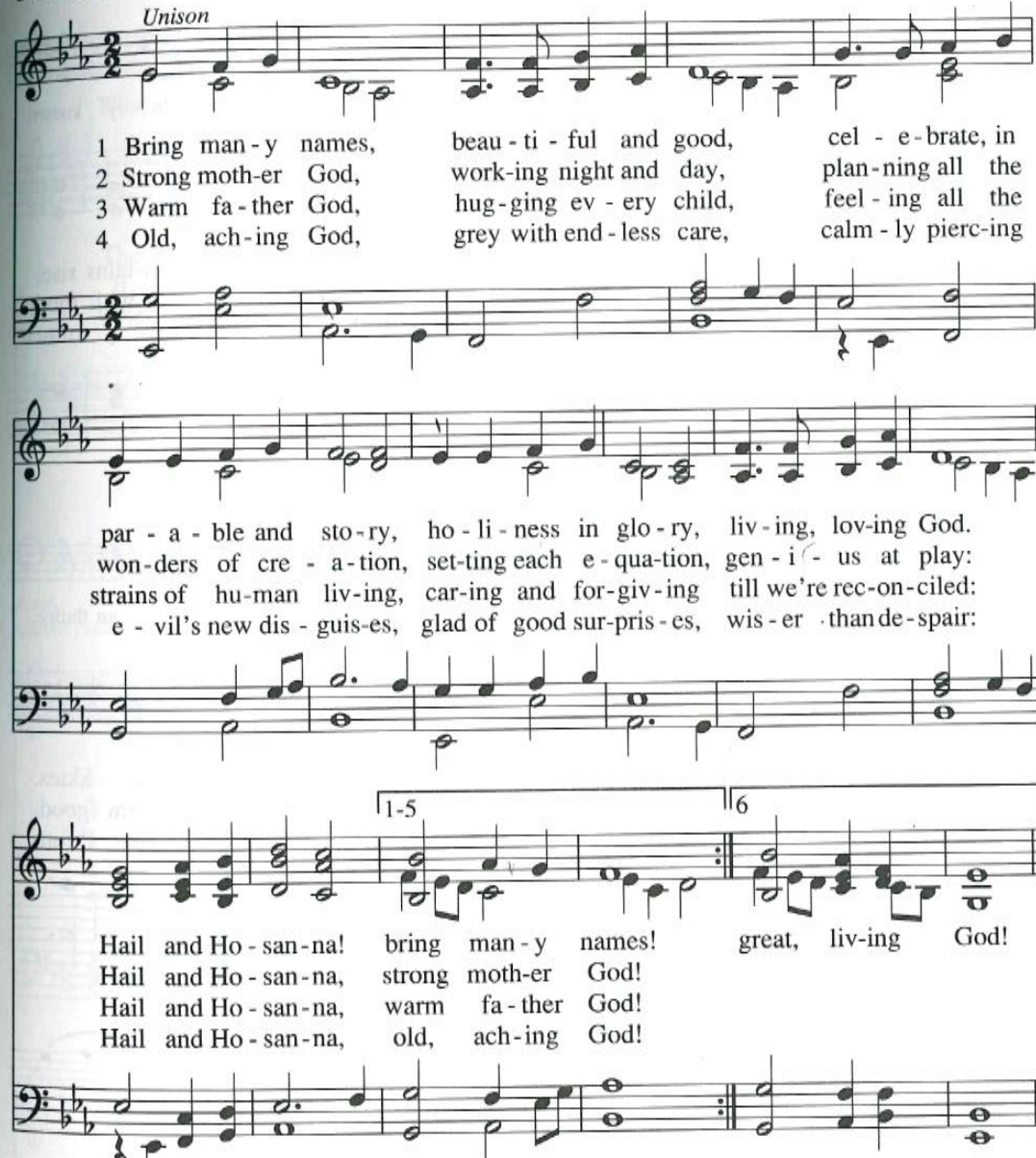
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

GOD  
11  
*Gen. 1:27*

## Bring Many Names

*Brian Wren, 1989*

*Unison*



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,  
on the move,  
say - ing no to false - hood and  
un - kind - ness,  
cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
giv - ing all you have:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
ev - er - last - ing home:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
great, liv - ing God!

## **2 Corinthians 7: 5-13**

## **(The Message)**

**5** When we arrived in Macedonia province, we couldn't settle down. The fights in the church and the fears in our hearts kept us on pins and needles. We couldn't relax because we didn't know how it would turn out.

**6** Then the God who lifts up the downcast lifted our heads and our hearts with the arrival of Titus.

**7** We were glad just to see him, but the true reassurance came in what he told us about you: how much you cared, how much you grieved, how concerned you were for me. I went from worry to tranquility in no time!

**8** I know I distressed you greatly with my letter. Although I felt awful at the time, I don't feel at all bad now that I see how it turned out. The letter upset you, but only for a while.

**9** Now I'm glad - not that you were upset, but that you were jarred into turning things around. You let the distress bring you to God, not drive you from him. The result was all gain, no loss.

**10** Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. We never regret that kind of pain. But those who let distress drive them away from God are full of regrets, end up on a deathbed of regrets.

**11** And now, isn't it wonderful all the ways in which this distress has goaded you closer to God? You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible. Looked at from any angle, you've come out of this with purity of heart.

**12** And that is what I was hoping for in the first place when I wrote the letter. My primary concern was not for the one who did the wrong or even the one wronged, but for you - that you would realize and act upon the deep, deep ties between us before God.

**13** That's what happened - and we felt just great.



## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.  
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.