



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Keep Dreaming but Don’t Miss the Boat”**

**10th Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 9, 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  
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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. Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time.*

### GREETING

One: The grace of 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

*(based on Psalm 105)*

*(Please join us at home by speaking the text in bold font)*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name

**Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples**

One: Sing praises to God, tell of God's wonderful works

**Many: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice**

One: Seek the Lord; seek God's presence continually

**Many: Remember the wonderful works God has done**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name

**Many: Praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #451

"Be Now My Vision"

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

### \*COLLECT PRAYER

*(Please join us from home in saying the Collect Prayer)*

One: Let us pray.

**Many: Lord God, whom we praise and adore, begin mighty deeds in us this hour. Send great hopes, fortify firm resolves, because the world needs You and we are your hands and your heart in our family's communities' churches and in the world around us. Enlighten us this day with what you would have us do. Amen**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

"There Will Be Peace in the Valley for Me"

*(Thomas A. Dorsey, 1939, CCLI #2091058)*

### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Lisa Reed

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (pg. 33)

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (pg. 544)

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 14:22-23 (pg. 892)

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.**  
*(Daniel Iverson, 1935, CCLI #2091058)*

SERMON

“Keep Dreaming but Don’t Miss the Boat”

Anita Calcagno

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“One Little Candle”

*(Malory Roach & George Mysels, 1970, CCLI #2091058)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

*(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)*

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.  
Checks can be sent to First Congregational UCC  
210 West Saginaw  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837*

*If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

\*CLOSING HYMN #448

“Take My Life, God, Let it Be”

*(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.**

*(Les Presses de Taizé, words © 1986, 1991, CCLI #2091058)*

BELLS/CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“There Will Be Peace in the Valley for Me”

*(Thomas A. Dorsey, 1939, CCLI #2091058)*

***\*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).***

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**SUNDAY ROSTER**

**Liturgist** - Troy Arient

**Homily** – Anita Calcagno

**Fresh Perspective** - Lisa Reed

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Organist** – Chuck Byam

## Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

*Unison*

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*(David Evans, 1927, CCLI #2091058)*

**Genesis 37:1-4****NRSV**

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

**Genesis 37:12-28****NRSV**

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup> and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup> "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup> The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So, Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup> They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

*(continued)*

<sup>22</sup> Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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*Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.*

*Rom. 12:1*

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

*(Justin H. Knecht, 1797, Frances R. Havergal, 1874, CCLI #2091058)*