



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Transitions and Transformations”**

**19th Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 11, 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. Phil Hart, Transitional Minister for the Michigan UCC, Preacher	
Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor	Judy Nielsen, Organist
Jeannette Len, Office Administrator	Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director
Nicole Finney, Child Care	Brandon Frost, Choir Director
Sue Sackett, Custodian	Chuck Byam, Choir Accompanist
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.*

### MOMENT FOR CENTERING

#### 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

One: God is calling you to lay your burdens down and to worship.

**Many: We are here!**

One: God is calling you to service.

**Many: We are ready!**

One: God is calling you to love everyone, even your enemies.

**Many: We are willing to live as Christ has taught!**

One: God's call is sometimes loud as thunder, sometimes as quiet as silence.

**Many: Still, we are here, listening all the time.**

#### OPENING HYMN #73

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

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

#### COLLECT PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer.

**Many: God of the burning bush, God of the still small voice, we ask that you speak into our hearts during this difficult time. Guide us, teach us, and show us how to BE, so that we may go back into the world more loving, more just, and more faithful. Amen.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ANTHEM

"God Is True"

#### FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I Kings 19: 9b-13 NRSV (pg. 322)

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

“Transitions and Transformations”

Rev. Phil Hart

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lynn Hart

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

CLOSING HYMN #81

“God Be with You”

*(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

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus - Adaptation”  
*(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)*

*\*Please join us for a social distanced **fellowship time** at **1:00 pm behind the church**. We will be decorating pumpkins for our drive through Trunk-or-Treat. We will provide all of the materials and just need folks to show up--adults, children, and youth are all welcome.  
Bring a chair, mask, and a drink. We’ll provide individually wrapped snacks, extra masks and hand sanitizer.*

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(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)

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## SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** - Troy Arient

**Homily** – Rev. Phil Hart

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

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Organist** – Chuck Byam

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- For information regarding the UCC's response to the wildfires in the west, see:
    - [https://www.ucc.org/news\\_west\\_coast\\_fire\\_evacuations\\_take\\_toll\\_on\\_ucc\\_churches\\_camps\\_and\\_their\\_communities\\_09162020](https://www.ucc.org/news_west_coast_fire_evacuations_take_toll_on_ucc_churches_camps_and_their_communities_09162020)
    - [https://www.ucc.org/2020\\_wildfires](https://www.ucc.org/2020_wildfires)
  - If you're struggling to find hope amidst all of the troubles of our world right now, one source that maybe be helpful is this: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>

# Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.  
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.  
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.  
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

<sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

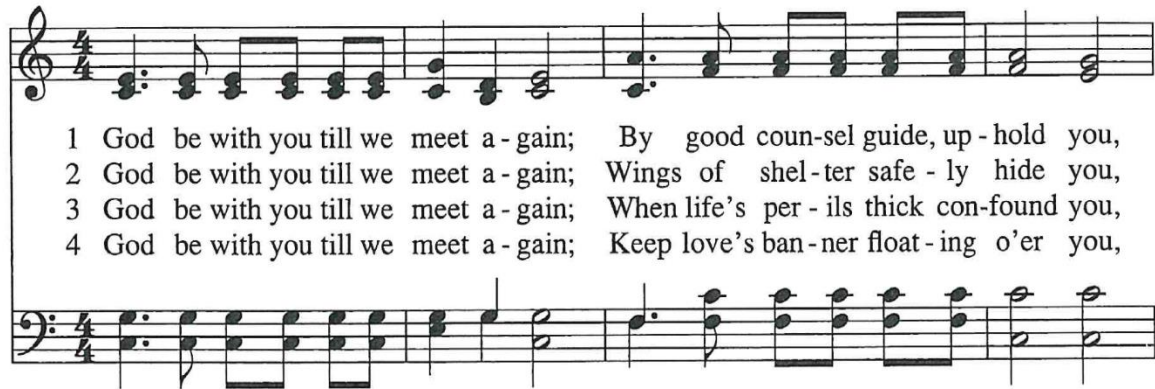
### **Elijah Meets God at Horeb**

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

# God Be with You

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*Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.*

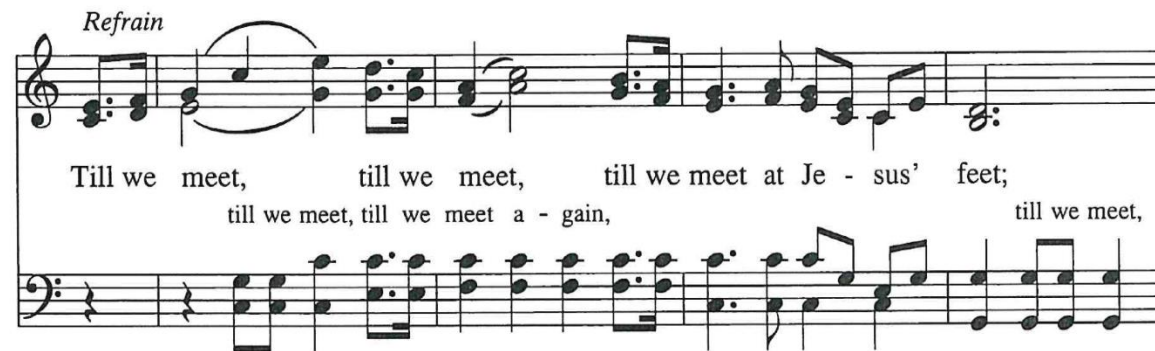


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,