



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Rooted in Love”
October 24, 2021
10:30 a.m. 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	Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director
Volunteers, Office Administrator	Chuck Byam, Organist
Ben Sackett, Custodian	Brandon Frost, Choir Director
Rev. Demphna Krikorian, Christian Educator	Nicole Finney, Child Care
Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus	

210 W. Saginaw Hwy • Grand Ledge, MI 48837 • grandledgeucc.org

• 517-627-2336 • office@grandledgeucc.org

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.
As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door.
We ask that you wear a mask and social distance from others not in your family or pod.*

If you are new to our church or do not receive email updates from us, please share your name and contact information with us by contacting us: office@grandledgeucc.org

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

INTROIT "What Brings Us Together"
(Chancel Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

OPENING HYMN #539 "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"
(We will remain seated during the hymns and you are encouraged to quietly follow along and reflect on the verses printed in this bulletin while enjoying the music as it is being played.)

GATHERING PRAYER

Many: Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Just As I Am”
(Chancel Choir)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Chuck Byam

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 1:1-3a NRSV

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:25-34 NRSV

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of Gentleness” (chorus)

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

HOMILY

“Rooted in Love”
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller Purrenhage)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“It's Good to Praise the Lord”
(Chuck Byam)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(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.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kin-dom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING MOMENT

(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, please give what you can by mail or through prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart hartacre3@aol.com)

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

Many: Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!

CLOSING HYMN #173

“You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
(We will remain seated during the hymns and you are encouraged to quietly follow along and reflect on the verses printed in this bulletin while enjoying the music as it is being played.)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

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.**

POSTLUDE

“His Name Is Wonderful”
(Chuck Byam)

CREDITS

- Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License # 732777-A. All rights reserved and from CCLI, License #2091058, and Streaming License #20709045
 - **A New Reformation:** Service Prayers for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater of San Diego, CA. Copyright 2021, Faith Formation INFO Team, United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Permission granted to reproduce or adapt this material for use in services of worship or church education. All publishing rights reserved.
 - **In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful**
(00118, One License #732777-A, Contributors, Jacques Berthier, Taize, Tune: ©1986, 1991, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc., agent Text: ©1986, 1991, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc.)
 - **What Brings Us Together**
(#93026, One License #732777-A, Contributors: Jay Althouse)
 - **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**
(#44816, One License #732777-A, Contributors: James K. Manley, Text: © 1978, J. Manley Publishing)
 - **Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant**
(04653, One License #732777-A, Contributors, Richard Gillard, Tune: ©1977, Arr: Betty Carr Pulkingham, Pilgrim Press, Inc.)
 - **You Have to Come to the Lakeshore**
(#93026, One License #732777-A, Contributors: Cesáreo Gabaráin. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.)
 - **It is Good to Praise the Lord**
(#85273, One License #732777-A, Contributors: Mary Kay Beall, John Carter, Text: © 1989, Beckenhorst Press, Inc.)
 - **His Name Is Wonderful**
(#94928, One License #732777-A, Contributors: Audrey Mieir, Tune: Audrey Mieir Text: Audrey Mieir)
 - **Just As I Am**
(#95093, One License #732777-A, Contributors: Public Domain)
-

SUNDAY ROSTER

Liturgist – Ron Erskine

Fresh Perspective – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

Homily – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

Virtual Coordinator – David Gruner

Sound Board - Charlynn Walker

Choir Director - Brandon Frost

Pianist/Organist – Chuck Byam

Hymn Singer – Choir

Usher – Gary Burt

Greeter – Kathy Burt

Crucifer- Karen Walker

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

Estrillo (Refrain)
D A7 D D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
 8.10.10. with refrain
 Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
 Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,
a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.
Estrillo

3. You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,
work - ing love for the rest of the
wea - ry—
A love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Refrain

4. Tú, Pes - ca - dor de o - tros ma - res,
an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran.
A - mi - go bue - no, que a - sí me lla - mas.
Estrillo

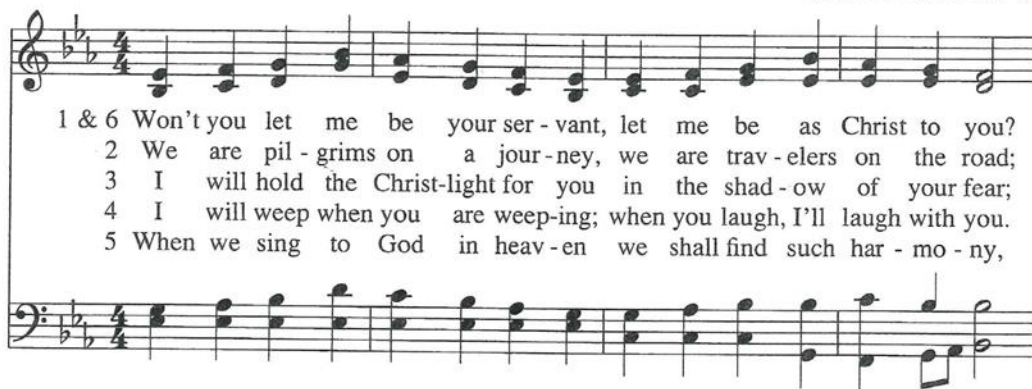
4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters;
you, the long - ing of souls that are
yearn - ing:
As lov - ing Friend, you have come
to call me.
Refrain

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

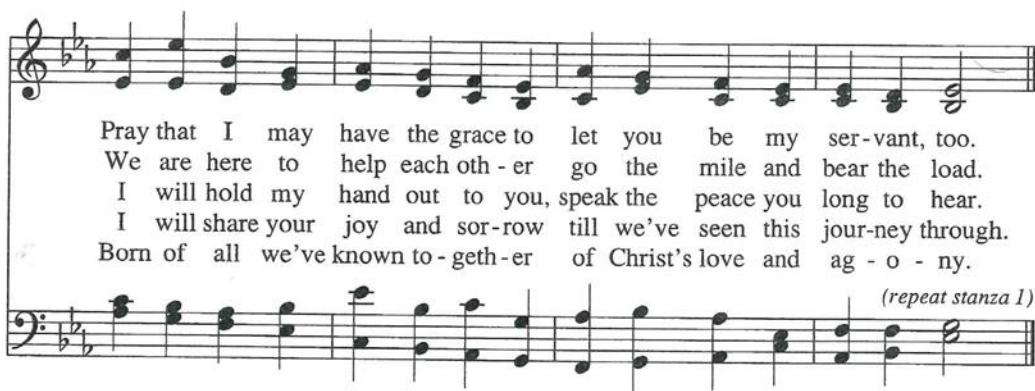
539

Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ- light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour- ney through.
Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o- o- ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.