

**You Will Be Found
Mental Health Sunday
May 15, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service**

*Believing that every person is a child of God invested with worth and dignity,
and believing that every person is a recipient of God's grace,
we at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Ledge,
aspire to mirror God's unconditional love by declaring that we are
an Open and Affirming congregation.*

Taken from Our Church's Open and Affirming Statement

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

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.

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

Grand Ringers

INTROIT

“We Sing On”
(LanSingOut Chorus)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

Many: **Come Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter.**

One: All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through your presence with us.

Many: **Open our hearts and minds this day, guide us into a loving relationship with all your children.**

One: We gather as God’s beloved people, leaving no one outside.

Many: **Spark us with a word of life and radical belonging— a message that we share with others as we seek to live out Christ’s love.**

One: We call on the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Many: **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“Come As You Are”
(Kelly Sandula-Gruner and Chuck Byam)

*GATHERING PRAYER

One: Please rise as you are able. On this Mental Health Sunday, we join in this Litany of Naming.

Many: As a congregation we are glad to lift up our voices and our spirits to break the silence that often happens when we are confronted with mental illness, brain changes and disorders, and addictions.

One: As a faith community, we name the gifts and the often unnamed experiences which come to those who live with a mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, and eating disorder.

Many: We name the gifts and often unnamed experiences which come to those who live with brain changes or disorders, such as those caused by stroke, dementia, traumatic brain injury, or Parkinson's.

One: And we name the often unnamed experiences of those struggling with addictions. We name:

Many: The Hope which upholds our spirit through honest sharing;

One: The Pain when people turn away because of fear;

Many: The Courage to speak in a safe place the way that Jesus spoke truth with love;

One: The Strength from being with others who listen compassionately;

Many: The Isolation that comes when no one knows what to say;

One: The Realization that mental illnesses, brain disorders, and addictions can be managed;

Many: The Exhaustion that comes with living with these conditions as well as for those who are caregivers;

One: The Welcome of mental health as part of our church's ministry and outreach;

Many: The Wisdom that comes when we become educated about mental health;

One: The Spirituality that comes when we walk alongside those who show both resilience and vulnerability in their lives affected by mental illness;

All: We receive these gifts that we have named, those which are welcomed and those that are challenges. We come before you, our God, knowing we are not alone and that You will show us a way to be and live. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"Wonderful Grace"

(Chancel Choir)

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

SUNG BLESSING #325

"Child of Blessing"

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Live as one who bears Christ's name.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 30:1-5 NRSV (494-495)

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV (1132)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.
Many: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah”

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

HOMILY

“You Will Be Found”
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Will Be Found”

Kelly Sandula-Gruner

(Beloved ones joining us on the live-stream, we do not have permission to broadcast this song, so the sound will go off for this song. You are invited to jump quickly to this YouTube channel to hear a different version of it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SywBQjjqBnQ> After the song ends, please come back to our worship service.)

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.]

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom 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 Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOINTING AND HEALING

(Beloved ones joining us from home, if you would like to be anointed with oil, please drive through the front of the church after the service is over. Pastor Laura will be outside until about noon, rain or shine.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“I Love You, Lord”

(Chuck Byam)

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

Many: Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness- We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #475

“God's Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung twice)
(Chancel Choir)

**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

Grand Ringers

POSTLUDE

“Seek Ye First”
(Chuck Byam)

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Greeter – Sandy Sipes

Special Music – Kelly Sandula-Gruner, LanSingOut Chorus

Come As You Are
David Crowder

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
Lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



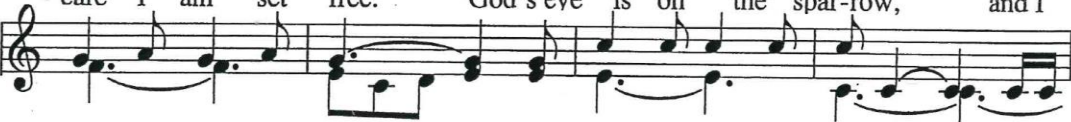
Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me



home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from



con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I



know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain. in harmony

know God watch-es me.
 know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
 know God watch-es me.



hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap-py, I'm free,



eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.