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References to God

References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.

Land Acknowledgement

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We acknowledge this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

Online Streaming and Podcasting

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible at www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons.

You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on [Facebook.com/1stCongo](https://www.facebook.com/1stCongo) or at www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website: www.firstcongoappleton.org.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The 2020-2021 budget meeting will take place on Sunday, June 21 immediately following our 9:30 AM worship which is live streamed on Facebook Live and is visible on YouTube.

At this meeting, the budget will be presented and a congregational vote will be taken through Facebook and/or SurveyMonkey. Documents will be emailed ahead of time.

For those without email addresses or access to virtual worship, we have mailed physical ballots and copies of our budget presentation.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries

PRELUDE

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Handel

Barb Armstrong, Liz Schneider, and Jann Kostecke, *flute trio*

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

Luke LaViolette

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of justice, you are mighty in our sight. You have blotted out our transgressions. We are healed and prepared to go wherever you send us. May we hear your message as we worship you today. Help us know and remember that we are your children, called to go into the world to proclaim your power and wondrous message. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #28

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

Stanza 1:

**Ho-ly God, we praise your name;
Sov-ereign God, we bow be-fore you;
all on earth your scep-ter claim,
all the heaven-ly hosts a-dore you.
In-fi-nite your vast do-main,
ev-er-last-ing is your reign.**

Stanza 2:

**Hark, the glad ce-les-tial hymn
an-gel choirs a-round are rais-ing;
cher-u-bim and ser-a phim,
in un-ceas-ing cho-rus prais-ing,
fill the heavens with joys a-flame:
ho-ly, ho-ly is your name.**

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Stanza 3:

**All a-pos-tles join the strain
as your sa-cred name they hal-low;
proph-ets swell the glad re-frain,
and the bless-ed mar-tyrs fol-low;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.**

Stanza 4:

**Ho-ly Fa-ther, Ho-ly Son,
Ho-ly Spir-it, Three we name you,
while in es-sence tru-ly one,
un-di-vid-ed God we claim you;
so we gath-er rev-erent-ly
to a-dore the mys-ter-y.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Colleen Berry, Director for Children's Ministries

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NT, p. 226)

Psalm 119:49-56 (OT, p. 696)

MEDITATION

"Does Discipleship Require Sacrifice and Suffering?"

Rev. Nick Hatch

MUSICAL REFLECTION

One Ann Arbor Morning

Mvt. II. – *Morningtide Promise*

Jonathan Cohen

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GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, email to a pastor for confidentiality or share your prayer requests in real time in the Comments section under the live stream video.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #502

Community of Christ

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Stanza 1:

Com-mun-ni-ty of Christ, who make the cross your own
live out your creed and risk your life for God a-lone:
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be-long,
whose chil-dren are of ev-ery race and ev-ery song.

Stanza 2:

Com-mun-ni-ty of Christ, look past the church-'s door
and see the home-less, see the hun-gry, and the poor.
Take hands with the op-pressed, the job-less in your street,
take towel and wa-ter, that you wash your neigh-bor's feet.

Stanza 3:

Com-mun-ni-ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound -
cry out for jus-tice and for peace the whole world round:
dis-arm the powers that war and all that can de-stroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an-guish in-to joy.

Stanza 4:

When men-ace melts a-way, so shall God's will be done,
the cli-mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
Our cur-ren-cy be love and kind-li-ness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for ev-er-more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Hebrew melody; adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

Murray's words were first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of her native New Zealand to provide a hymn on social justice.

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Leader: I can admit it. I'm stuck in my old ways and quite comfortable there.
The heartache, though it brings frequent tears, is part of me now.

People: But God has something better for you, a whole new way of living!

Leader: Do you mean I can leave the old life behind and never look back?

**People: Those who trust the Lord discover God replaces mourning with joy
and sorrow with gladness.**

Leader: How can this be?

**People: The Spirit of Christ fills us when we decide to follow Christ and we
are not the same anymore.**

Leader: Praise God for saving my soul!

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

One Ann Arbor Morning (Mvt. III.)

Jonathan Cohen

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *assistant organist*

Barb Armstrong, Liz Schneider, Jann Kostecke, *flute trio*

Jen Gray, *soprano*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Thank you to Marty Black for serving as our lay reader this morning!

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**Livestream our Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 AM on Facebook
or at www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream/**

Daily Prayer Chapel Live on Facebook: Monday-Friday at Noon

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-13

Music: Kris Glenn, *soprano* Nevan Glenn, *boy treble* Shelley Nulton, *assistant organist*

Lay Reader: Paul Black

BE THE CHURCH  UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Stay Home. Social Distance. Wash Your Hands.
Check on the Elderly. Live Stream Worship.
Give electronically. Support each other.
Love God. Flatten the curve. Pray Daily.
So we can all enjoy this life.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified. In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.

Jill Anthony's sister
Paul Bauman
Katie Behl
Arlene Beyer
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother
Olive Bopp
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks
Don Brittnacher
Chris Calhoun
Dick Casperson
John Cawthon
Steve Chapin
Lynn Cook
Michael, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law
Jim Edwards
Rachel DeMoss Edwards
Margitta Furnner
Esther Gehrt
Ken Geiger
Family of Tom Graf upon the death of his brother
Ivo Geurts
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking
Carolyn and Jim Huddleston
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life
Jean Jepson
Our Kenyan partners and students
Sylvia King
Ervin Klesmit
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Carrie Brooks McClory and her triplets
Mike Mathews
Shari Mitchell
Our country's military around the world
Ellie Olson
Mory, Anthony Padilla's son
Families and children of Palestine
Diane Ragus
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Ken Rheingans
Don Roehrborn
Mary Rowland
Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides
Judy Schneider
Frank Severin
Jake Smasal
Amanda Spindler
Cole Stoffel
All those in need of suicide prevention and compassionate caregivers
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke
Beverly Trombla
Don Utschig
Jean Van Wagenin
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter
Jean Wegner
Jennifer Wild
The World in the midst of the pandemic

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Troop 8 Anniversary Celebration Postponed

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the uncertainty of the availability of the First Congregational Church building, the Troop 8 100th Anniversary Committee is regretfully postponing the August 8, 2020 celebration until summer 2021.

Moving the event outdoors was considered, but that option has its own uncertainties due to the weather and possible limits on public gatherings. As unfortunate and disappointing as this is, we hope to use our service projects still planned for that day as a launching point for a series of troop events throughout the next year that will culminate in the celebration next summer.

Please share this information and stay tuned to our Facebook page @troop8turns100 for more information. We can also be reached at troop8turns100@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions.

We will publish a date for the big celebration as soon as possible so you can make plans to join us in summer 2021!

Worship and Music

*A diverse community practicing faith,
finding spiritual connection and experiencing
the Holy through artful sound.*

Reopening Update

Taking into consideration the needs of our church, public health guidelines and our local coronavirus situation, the leadership of our church has affirmed that Sunday worship will continue to be fully online through **Labor Day**.

Over the summer we may offer other unique worship opportunities, as well as send out a survey to capture your needs and desires. We will continue to improve and innovate our weekly services and welcome your suggestions.

Thank you for your understanding as we seek to provide a healthy and wholesome place for all to worship!

You Are Invited: Solo Singers and Instrumentalists in Worship!

As we move forward into the rest of the summer, **you are invited to serve in music ministry as a singer or instrumentalist!**



The health and safety of our congregation remain our primary concern; we will live stream a

single service led by 9 or fewer people (pastors and staff, musicians, technology.)

Please call John Albrecht at (920) 851-8097 or e-mail jalbrecht@firstcongoappleton.org with your interest; children through adults are welcome! I will contact you to discuss your schedule, worship themes, and music selection and rehearsal plans.

Know that I will work with you toward a performance date with appropriate music that you feel ready to present with confidence.

I look forward to hearing from you and your family!

In music ministry with you,
John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Congratulations LU Scholar Graduates!

Lawrence University graduation is Sunday, June 14 and we would like to extend congratulations to LU Scholars Bianca Pratte, Emily Richter and Nick Fahrenkrug! We also celebrate the entire 2019-20 group of Scholars!



Administration

Thank You!

Thank you for the donation of chocolate chip cookies recently dropped off at the church office; they were delicious!

The First Congo staff appreciated this act of kindness during a most unusual time.



The Ministry

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Reverend Art Wille, Pastor of Visitation
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries
Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education
Renee Taylor, Director for Youth Ministries
Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant
Holly Volkman, Administrative Assistant for Communications
Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper
Jonathan Steffen, Technology Coordinator
Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor
Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider
Cassidy Behm, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider
Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant
Mary Lou Cliff, Custodial Assistant
Lauren Micke, Weekend Custodial Assistant

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