

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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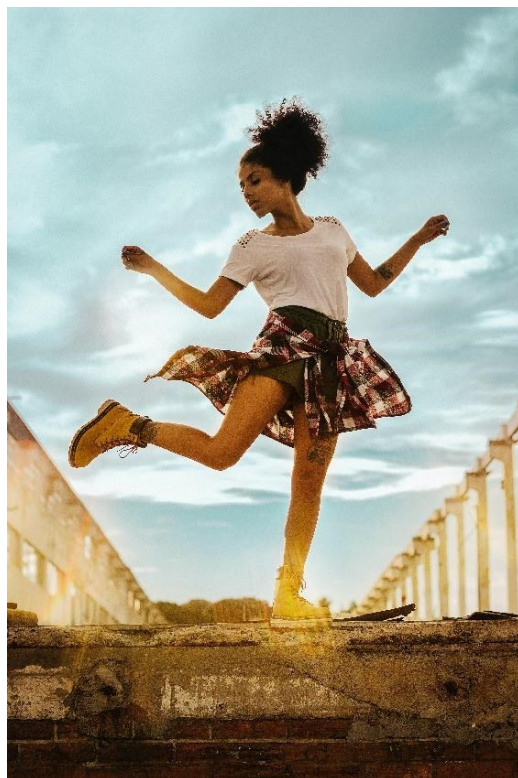


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6th Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All who are a part of this church

Pastor: Rev. Enno K. Limvere Musician: Byron Aldrich

Choir Director: Ann Russ

Peace Candle Lighter: Nancy Starr Liturgist: Carol Winter

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Outdoor Worship

Words to Enter Worship

People who like to two-step: You put your right foot in, you put your right foot out, you put your right foot in, and you shake it all about. You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about.

People who like to waltz: You put your left foot in, you put your left foot out, you put your left foot in, and you shake it all about. You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about.

People who like to jitterbug: You put your right hand in, you put your right hand out, you put your right hand in, and you shake it all about. You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about.

People who like to tap their toe: You put your whole self in, you put your whole self out, you put your whole self in, and you shake it all about. You do the hokey-pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about.

Opening Hymn #282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

(Refrain)

Every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray
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1. Up on the mountains my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
I asked the Lord could it be mine

(Refrain)

2. The Jordan river is chilly and cold.
It chills the body but not the soul.
There aint but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.

(Refrain)

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Words of Lament

Merciful God, we have been taught the worth of our body is how it appears to others and how much work it can do. We have forgotten all are created in the image of God and all are beautiful inside and out. We have denied ourselves rest and healing because ‘the world’ cannot, will not wait for us to catch up. Help us, Beautiful Creator, to remember how much we are loved, how pleasurable our bodies can be, and how our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for our bodies, your wondrous creations. Amen.

Words of Blessing (Based on Psalm 149)

One: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Many: Let them praise God with dancing, making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

All: For the LORD takes pleasure in all people; God adorns the humble with victory.

One: Let the faithful exult in movement, let them sing for joy while they move.

Many: Let the high praises of God be in our throats!

All: Let Cook County be glad in its Maker; let all the children and all living beings rejoice in our Creator.

Words of Poetry & Lighting the Candle of Peace

It is a custom in our congregation to light our Peace Candle during worship, as a witness to the Prince of Peace and our communal intention to be peace-makers as a Just Peace Church.

The Dance by Anonymous

*Let the music play!
I would dance always—
Dance till the dawn of the bright young day!
Wild notes are sounding—swift lights are glancing,
And I—I am mad with the rapture of dancing—
Mad with a breathless delight.
With thine arm to enfold me,
Thy strong hand to hold me,
I could dance through an endless night.*

Passing of the Peace

Hymn - Lord of the Dance

Refrain:

Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun
I came down from Heaven & I danced on Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth:

(Refrain)

2. I danced for the scribe & the pharisee
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James & John
They came with me & the Dance went on:

(Refrain)

3. I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame!
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die!

(Refrain)

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance & I still go on!

(Refrain)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die!
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!

(Refrain)

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Scripture Readings

1st Scripture Luke 10:38-42 (The Message)

³⁸⁻⁴⁰ As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.”

⁴¹⁻⁴² The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

2nd Scripture Jeremiah 31:7-14

The LORD proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob; shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:

“The LORD has saved his people, the remaining few in Israel!”

⁸ I’m going to bring them back from the north; I will gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the disabled,

expectant mothers and those in labor; a great throng will return here.

⁹ With tears of joy they will come; while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams

and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble. I will be Israel’s father, Ephraim will be my oldest child.

¹⁰ Listen to the LORD’s word, you nations, and announce it to the distant islands:

The one who scattered Israel will gather them and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

¹¹ The LORD will rescue the people of Jacob and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

¹² They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion, jubilant over the LORD’s gifts:

grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.

Their lives will be like a lush garden; they will grieve no more.

¹³ Then the young women will dance for joy; the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter and their sadness into joy; I will comfort them.

¹⁴ I will lavish the priests with abundance and shower my people with my gifts, declares the LORD.

Children's Message: Moving with the Spirit

Choir Anthem

Message: Let Us Dance

Musical Reflections

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Caller of the Dance, who is in all, through all, and with all; movement is your name; your shindig come, our steps be one, here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the tempo of the music that sustains all. Forgive us when we step on other people's toes, as we forgive those who step on our toes. And lead us not into discord, but deliver us from ill-timed noise. For thine is the harmony, and the beat, and the celebration forever. Amen.

Our Time of Giving

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.*

News of God at Work in our Congregation & Community

Closing Hymn #526 We are Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, OO,
We are marching in the light of,
The light of God,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, OO,
We are marching in the light of God

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Benediction

Sending Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Larry (Jenny Delfs' father), Kris Baxter, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Tom Yuhasey, Rhonda Silence, Community of Uvalde and Highland Park, People of Ukraine,
Shut-ins and Care Center: Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes.

MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:

The First Congregational UCC Budget adopted in January 2022 shows a need for a yearly income of \$151,756.

After 27 weeks the Budget Donations and Income should be \$78,796.34

The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$83,563.69

Thank You for all your support.

Kevin R Le Voir, Treasurer

DONATE ONLINE! We now have a Donation button on our church website as another option to give your pledges and offerings. Simply go to grandmaraisucc.org, and click the Donation button in the top right corner.

THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY, JULY 15

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

8:00 AM - Harbor Watch

SATURDAY, JULY 16

10:30 AM Discipleship Group

SUNDAY, JULY 17

9:30 AM – CHOIR PRACTICE

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON [ZOOM](#) **6th Sunday after Pentecost**, this Sunday we will remember that we are the body of Christ and our bodies are meant to move. We have an incarnate faith, one that just doesn't sit and pray, work and rest, but we should also be about playing and dance

MONDAY, JULY 18

7:00am - AA (FS)

3:00PM-5:00PM Food Shelf Open to the Public (LL)

TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:30AM-4:30PM– Explorer's Club

12:00PM - Clergy Cluster

7:00 PM - Zen Meditation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

7:00 AM - AA (FS)

7:00 PM - Sing-a-Long & Music Jam

THURSDAY, JULY 21

8:30AM-4:30PM– Explorer's Club

10:00AM – Tai Chi

12:00 PM—Women's AA (FS)

FRIDAY, JULY 22

7:00AM - AA (FS)

8:00 AM – Harbor Watch

SUNDAY, JULY 24

9:30 AM – Pick-up Choir

10:30 AM – **Outside** AND ON [ZOOM](#) 7th **Sunday after Pentecost**, in the gospel story, Jesus is asked by the disciples how to pray. This Sunday we will look at the Lord's Prayer and talk about other ways we can pray, what is prayer, and how much we should pray. Come and join us as we pray and worship together.

OUR CHURCH OFFICE CONTINUES TO BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Pastor Enno and Office Manager, Nancy Backlund, are in the building at unscheduled times. For pastoral emergencies, please contact our new Settled Pastor, Rev. Enno Limvere at (605) 460-0330.

FOLLOW US ON:

Facebook – First Congregational UCC Grand Marais.

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Website - grandmaraisucc.org

FOOD SHELF: The Food Shelf is distributing food each Monday, from 3:00-5:00 pm, also on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 4:30-6:30 pm, downstairs in our church building. You can support their work by sending your checks to Food Shelf, P.O. Box 51, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

GIVING DURING THIS TIME OF SUSPENDED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: It is tremendously heartening, for both your church staff and church lay leaders, to see such generous giving continuing during this time. Your on-going support of our ministries are especially important now. We encourage each of you to find ways to continue to support our ministries. continuing to give to our church by:

1. Download the "VANCO" mobile app on your smartphone, to give with your credit card on-line. Enter our church name or 55604 zip code, then choose our church account. This is a program of VANCO, with whom we already have a contract for such transactions.
2. Contact Kevin LeVoir, our Treasurer, about automatic deposit from your personal bank account, at krlevoir@aol.com.
3. Send a check in the US mail! P.O. Box 95, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

We extend a warm welcome to all who may be worshipping with us for the first time. If you would like more information about our ministries, contact Pastor Enno at ennotherev@gmail.com or 605-460-0330.

We are a progressive Christian congregation, with roots in the New England Congregational tradition and now are part of the wider denomination of the United Church of Christ. As a Just Peace Church, and welcoming of the LGBTQIA2+ community, we seek to provide a spiritual home for seekers of all ages and backgrounds. Please know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you in our congregation.

Purpose and Mission First Congregational United Church of Christ is an open, inclusive church that exists to worship God and practice the gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all people of goodwill who seek to share the love of God and honor the diversity of creation in a spirit of tolerance and flexibility. As a Just Peace Church, we invite all who seek the reign of God to join us in reaching out in healing ministry, working for justice, witnessing for peace and striving to overcome all forms of oppression. We recognize two sacraments: Baptism and Communion

