



# Morning Worship CELEBRATION

October 16, 2011

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith- -Reaching Out in Love

## ADORATION

**PRAYER REQUESTS** (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

*"A quiet time for prayer and centering"*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** "In the Garden" Arr. Ron & Linda Sprunger

*\*While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.  
Refrain:  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.  
He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. Refrain  
I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.*

## THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Rise Up, O Saints of God" 474  
(receive prayer requests)

## COMMUNITY

### CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

\*Family Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs. 1 368

### \*CENTERING OUR CELEBRATION

Isaiah 43: 16-19 selected

One: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the waters,  
All: **Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.**  
One: I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
All: **I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

## MOMENT WITH THE YOUTH

Tracy Loomis

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

## TESTIMONY

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

God's Word in Music "When the Saints Go Marching In"  
Old Testament Jeremiah 31: 31-34 NRSV  
Epistle II Corinthians 5:17 NRSV  
Gospel Matthew 9:16 NRSV

The Revelation to John 21: 1-5a NRSV

\*Hymn of the Word "In the Midst of New Dimensions" 363

The Sermon Living Between Two Worlds Reginald Lancaster

### THE MORNING PRAYERS

## SERVICE

### OUR OFFERING FOR GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS

(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

Opportunities for Ministry:

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "Higher Ground" Arr. Carol Tornquist

\*The 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 Holy Love. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

**O God you have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" See Insert

### BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

*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** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Arr. Bill Wolaver

*\*Please stand if able.*

**The Rev. Reginald V. Lancaster** is our guest minister today. He and his wife Karen R. Wilkinson worship with us regularly. The former Senior Minister of Woodside Church (1982-1999), he has served UCC congregations in New Jersey, Maine and Connecticut before returning to Michigan in 1982. Since 2002 he has been an Interim and Transitional Minister in Southeastern Michigan.

Emergency: Call the office 810-695-0550

## Ministries & Special EVENTS

### FLOWERS

The lovely flowers this morning are in honor of Gavin Allen's 2nd Birthday and Jerry & Sherry Allen's 39th anniversary. Congratulations!

### SACRED PARENTING CLASS

The Sacred Parenting Classes that were scheduled to begin **October 12th** are being rescheduled, new dates will be announced at a later date.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**October 16th and 23rd at 11:30 AM** in the Gathering Room. Join the Growth Team for 45 minute informational meeting covering The Mission Statement, Church Structure and Ministry Opportunities. We will be welcoming new members on **October 30th** during worship.

### SISTER CIRCLE SOCIAL EVENT

Sister Circle is hosting a girls night out with Comedian, Chondra Pierce, **Saturday October 22nd.** Dinner at **4:00 PM**, the show at **7:00 PM** at St Martin Lutheran Church in Birch Run. Call (989) 624-9204 to reserve your tickets. Any questions contact Jamie Zannetti.

### SHARE THE EXCITEMENT!

Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to attend service on **Oct. 23rd** to celebrate a new chapter at First Congregational, as we welcome Senior Pastor Joe Schulte and his wife, Beth into our church family.

### THE NET FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

Please join us and help support the youth. Enjoy egg bakes, french toast & sausage provided by the youth following worship at **11:30 AM** on **October 23rd** in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

### BACKPACK FOOD COLLECTION

Backpack food ministry collection is next **Sunday, October 23rd.**

### FALL FAMILY FUN!!

Please join us for the "Not So Spooky Spook-Tacular" night of family fun. Food, fun, games and more. **Friday, October 28th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** in the CLC. Cost: \$7 per person or \$20 per family.

### SUNDAY OFFERING

The Offering for Sunday, October 9 was \$4142.25, and Neighbors in Need was \$585.00. **Note:** If you plan to make donations to Neighbors in Need, please do so by the end of the month.

[Please join us after worship for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.](#)

### OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

*As God blesses us our response should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving. "You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."*

*(Deuteronomy 8:10)*

## THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship services

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| <b>Ministers</b><br>All the Members              | <b>Acolytes</b><br>Payton Olah, Mathew Rogers |
| <b>Interim Pastor</b><br>Rev. Reginald Lancaster | <b>Lay Liturgist</b><br>Barb Benson           |
| <b>Organist</b><br>Lavonne Bomeli                | <b>Prayers</b><br>Deneen Munerance            |
| <b>Director of Music</b><br>Brandon Sanders      | <b>Ushers</b><br>Steven Fuhs                  |
| <b>Public Address System</b><br>Bob Throop       | <b>Tally Team</b><br>Sherry Allen             |
| <b>Host</b><br>Barb Crawford                     | <b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b><br>The Rileys        |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>The Wambaugh Family           | <b>Open &amp; Close Church</b><br>Tom McLaren |



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HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams

### Church Staff

#### *Interim Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Schulte

#### *Director of Youth and Educational Ministries*

Tracy Loomis

#### *Church Secretary*

Wanda Kitchen

#### *Chief Financial Officer*

Carla Meier

#### *Director of Music*

Brandon Sanders

#### *Organist*

Lavonne Bomeli

#### *Learning House Director*

Susan Arnould

#### *Parish Visitor*

Barbara Benson

#### *Custodian*

Tom Mc Laren

## OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

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| <i>Sunday, October 16</i>    | 9:15 Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>11:30 New Member Orientation<br>1:00 Joyner - Court of Honor<br>6:00 The Net<br>8:00 Men's Basketball |
| <i>Monday, October 17</i>    | 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.<br>7:30 Pastor Search Committee   |
| <i>Tuesday, October 18</i>   | 10:00 Bible Study<br>6:00 GB Piston Basketball<br>6:00 Fellowship Team<br>7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous<br>7:00 Forgiven Band Practice   |
| <i>Wednesday, October 19</i> | 10:00 Chapel<br>6:00 Autism Group Basketball<br>7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists<br>8:00 FABE Basketball   |
| <i>Thursday, October 20</i>  | 4:30 Confirmation<br>4:30 Worship Team<br>5:00 XYZ Mtg.<br>6:30 Evangelism Team<br>7:00 Zumba<br>7:30 Choir   |
| <i>Friday, October 21</i>    | 4:00 Lawrence/Vanderlaan Rehearsal  |
| <i>Saturday, October 22</i>  | 9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists<br>12:00 Seventh-Day Adventist Luncheon<br>4:00 Lawrence/Vanderlaan Wedding<br>7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous<br>7:00 Sister Circle Event - Birch Run           |
| <i>Sunday, October 23</i>    | 10:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>11:30 Fellowship<br>11:30 New Member Orientation<br>11:30 The Net Fundraiser Brunch<br>1:30 Sly Baby Shower<br>8:00 Men's Basketball          |

### *Prayers and Concerns:*

Please pray for Norma & Deloy Burrows, Ann Edgcombe, Arnold Fletcher, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, George Smith, Howard Weaver, Dale Wells

## WELCOME!

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Times*



*“Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ.”*



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