

Manistee First Congregational Church UCC with Rev. Elizabeth Hoy
In person worship: 412 4th Street Manistee MI
Virtual Worship uccmanistee.org
Third Sunday After Easter: May1, 2022

+ Indicates when to stand

Welcome, Announcements and Prelude

+ *Call To Worship*

One: Holy One, Provider

All: Our ever-present help

One: In our emptiness

All: You remind us of your presence

One: In your abundance

All: You remind us you are here

One: With a love that conquers death

All: You remind us we are yours

One: Holy! Holy! Holy!

All: To the Ever-present One Amen.

+ *Opening Hymn: We Gather Together #23*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lover of Creation, Forgive us. We have not loved ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not followed in your ways. We have rebelled against your love. Forgive us. Engage us. Reshape our imaginations. Trade our complacency for your courage, our pettiness for your possibility. Our greed for your goodness. Our aimlessness and for your adventure. Our lives for your love.

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace

Story for All Generations

Special Music

Reading John 21:1-19

Sermon

+ *Hymn: Called as Partners in Christ's Service #353*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's 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 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.

Invitation to the Offering

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+ *Prayer of Dedication (The Doxology)*

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And song today with one accord.

The life laid down, the life restored;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Communion-

Invitation to Communion

One: Come to the deep place in your life that Christ shows you.

All: We come to fish for what nurtures our lives.

One: Come to the daybreak of hope.

All: We come to recognize love on the shore even when it seems like we are drowning.

One: Come to the charcoal fire of community.

All: We come to a place of warmth and caring.

One: Come and have breakfast.

All: We join profound sacrament to a simple meal.

Words of Remembrance

Unison Prayer: Holy God, you give us what we need, a simple breakfast or a feast, the strength just to go on or the outlet for our great joy. Send your Spirit upon this bread to be sacred, in memory and in truth, and on this cup that we may drink your living presence. Amen.

Communion Together- We will be passing trays of bread and cups of juice and wine. If you are more comfortable with prepackaged communion please take one from the cup tray.

One: You hold the Bread of Heaven, consecrated by your touch and taste.

All: We eat peace for the past and hope for tomorrow.

One: You hold the Cup of Blessing, consecrated by deep remembrance and resurrection faith.

All: We drink in Alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

God, we give you thanks for filling our nets, serving us life and love, and meeting us not only at this table but at all our tables. We accept your call to feed the spirits, minds, and bodies of all your people, young as lambs or older as sheep, safe in the flock or wandering on distant hills, through Christ our Savior. Amen

+ *Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #316*

Benediction and Postlude

In Our Prayers... Please keep these members and friends in your prayers this coming week. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please speak with Liz or contact the church office @ 723-5361 or officemfcucc@gmail.com

- **Bob & Pat Sluis**, Ron's brother & sister in law.
 - **Eric Terdel**, son-in-law of Marcia & David Vande Vusse.
 - **Quinn**, granddaughter & **Rachel**, daughter of Susan Flarity.
 - **Rianna Hof**, David & Marcia Vande Vusse's Daughter.
 - **Mike Zimmerman**, Church Member.
 - Our homebound and care center members and friends:
 - Al Mahler, Margaret Johnson, Greg Gamache & Tootie Rowell
 - Members and Friends serving in the military.
- 1st Congregational Church of Atlanta, MI**

Weekly Financial Update

Offering April 24 (Pledges/Unpledged/Plate)		\$ 1,224
Offering (Budget) Goal per Week		\$ 2,155
Offering Total for April		\$ 9,091
Offering (Budget) Goal for April (4 Sunday's)		\$ 8,620
Offering Total YTD	17 Weeks	\$30,291
Offering Goal YTD	17 Weeks	\$36,635

Year to Date Stewardship Goal (Shortage) or Overage \$ (6,344)
2022 Pledge Update: Pledge Cards Received 23 totalling \$75,600

This Week at Church

Craft Group Wednesday May 4, 9-12

Coming up:

Craft Group Wednesday May 18, 9-12

Outreach Committee Monthly Mission:

Items for Homeward Bound: Items needed; bleach, kitty litter, blankets, HE detergent

Full list @ <https://homewardboundmanistee.org/shelter-needs>

Please put into the collection tub in the Fellowship Hall

Signups in the Fellowship Hall for

- **Coffee Hour**
- **Greeters**
- **Liturgist (readers in worship)**

NU2U is doing a drive for Ukraine. They are collecting; blankets, bedding (pillows and sheets), towels, OTC medicine for children and adults (not expired), MRE (Meal ready to eat)- type food (not expired), toiletries for children and adults, hygiene items for women,

stationery items, and diapers for children and adults. Please drop off at the NU2U store located at 353 River St. Manistee, Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm.

Sanctuary Funds Update!

We have been fundraising for this sanctuary restoration project for a while now.... As you may notice on our bulletin board we proudly met our first goal of \$13,000 and received the very generous matching gift of \$13,000, and now are over \$30,000. We thank all of you!!!

But we have some more good news... We have received a new donation match of \$20,000! When we raise another \$20,000, we will receive \$20,000 more. Isn't that amazing! With this match we will be sooo close to our goal of \$75,000. What a generous gift to support our efforts.

We will continue to have the paint can on the table in the fellowship hall and you can still donate online, but we know it will take more than that.

We have some fundraising ideas, ONE, a used book, puzzle and games sale on June 4. Please start bringing in any books you'd like to donate. TWO... maybe an organ concert.....

If you can think of other ways to help reach our goal, please don't be shy. We know that we can only give what we can! So we need to broaden our focus. Let's put our heads and hands together and reach this next goal of \$20,000.

Used Book and Puzzle Sale!

We will be holding a used book and used puzzles and games sale in the fellowship hall on Saturday, June 4, from 10-1pm.

If you have any gently used books, puzzles or games to donate, there will be a labeled box in the fellowship hall to put them in. The books can be infant/toddler board books, early readers, young adult, and adult books.

We will also need a few volunteers to help sort and organize the books, and a few to help on the day of the sale. If you're interested, please contact Sandy Turk (231-233-4137).