

Manistee First Congregational Church UCC with Rev. Elizabeth Hoy
In person worship: 412 4th Street Manistee MI
Virtual Worship uccmanistee.org
Easter Sunday: April 17, 2022

+ Indicates when to stand

Welcome (Please see insert for this week's announcements)

Prelude

Threshold Moment :

Interlude Good Enough (Choir will sing once, all may join 2nd time)

What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?
Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet,
God is still here and somehow this faith is good enough.

Calling on God: (Based on Psalm 114)

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Let us pray together:

All: Holy One, You whose love endures forever, you keep offering us new life and hope, no matter what. We praise you, for you are our strength and our salvation. We shall not die, but live, for you call us into the light– encouraging us to reach for the sun, unfurl our full colors, and know that we are held in the deep and rich soil of your garden–this is more than good enough for us! Amen.

Growing Together

+ Opening Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today! #205*

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

Reading from the Gospel John 20:1-18

Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith - Including "A Good Gardiner" by Kate Bowler from "Good Enough- 40 ish Devotions for an Imperfect Life"

Ritual Action for Easter

+ Hymn: *In The Garden - Insert*

Prayers of the People

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

Words of Remembrance

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: The Bread on your table is blessed and broken, a meal of grace.

All: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

One: The Cup on your table is blessed and shared, like the overflowing of tears and joy.

All: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

O Holy One, we come to you with lilies and tears, with personal Alleluias we whisper that soar like the greatest choir. We claim the resurrection for those we love who are tenderly sheltered in your arms and name the resurrection as your invitation to all the weary, all those who need hope. May our lives become your table in all the world. Hear us as we pray as Jesus of Nazareth, our Risen Christ, taught his disciples

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.

+ Hymn: *Praise Our God, All Glories Show #30*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Blessing for You are Being Planted and Benediction

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 officemfucc@gmail.com**

- **Bob & Pat Sluis**, Ron's brother & sister in law.
- **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.

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Weekly Financial Update

Offering April 10 (Pledges/Unpledged/Plate)		\$ 2,436
Offering (Budget) Goal per Week		\$ 2,155
Offering Total for April		\$ 4,561
Offering (Budget) Goal for April (4 Sunday's)		\$ 8,620
Offering Total YTD	15 Weeks	\$25,761
Offering Goal YTD	15 Weeks	\$32,325

Year to Date Stewardship Goal (Shortage) or Overage \$ (6564)

2022 Pledge Update: Pledge Cards Received 23 totalling \$75,600

This Week at Church

Craft Group Wednesday April 20 9-12

Coming up:

Craft Group Wednesday April 27 9-12

Outreach Committee Monthly Mission:

Razors and Shaving Cream (For ECHO's Family Life Center)

Please put into the collection tub in the Fellowship Hall

Signups in the Fellowship Hall for

- **Coffee Hour**
- **Greeters**

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.