

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP TODAY! If you are a guest, we ask you to sign our Guest Register located at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF YOUNG CHILDREN – Jesus welcomed little children into his midst and so do we. However, if you are feeling uncomfortable in worship with your child, please feel welcome to use our Nursery room in which the service can still be heard. Please contact one of our greeters if you need help.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS – Bulletins containing enlarged lyrics to the Psalm and all hymns are available. Please ask a greeter if you would like one.

Ministers	You!	Pastor	Rev. John J. Werner
Lector	Matthew Peterson	Organist	Gary Yost
Greeters	Dave and Nancy Genger	Pianist	Sharon Long
Teacher	Kelly Fuhrmann	Sexton	Tawnya Busch
		Office Mgr.	Mary Tenan

VISION STATEMENT

Led by the Holy Spirit, we affirm God's love by growing spiritually, pursuing justice and caring compassionately for all.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe God's grace is available to all through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
 We envision ourselves as a community of believers, inspired by the Holy Spirit, united by faith and enriched by diversity in our shared spiritual journey.
 Nurturing each other in this joyful family of faith, we will strive to love and worship God, to honor all people as children of God, to respect all creation as the handiwork of God, and to live as just and peaceable citizens in the world.

	LECTOR	Greeter / Servers	TEACHER
Aug. 04	Cameron Hartley		Betsy Burke
Aug. 11	Pat Nelson		Cameron Hartley
Aug. 18	Nancy Hodge		Jenna Hoyt

Coming Up This Week

Mon. 29 8:00 p.m. A.A.
 Tues 30 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
Wed. 31 6:00 p.m. Wine & Wisdom @ Buccia Vineyard – Conn.
 Thurs. 01 No Rotary

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Please direct all announcements for the Church bulletin and items for the Tower Bell to the Church Office (in writing whenever possible). Thank you.

Prayers of Hope and Healing:

Virginia Helwig (Beth Carlson's mother), Rev. Dick Jones, Joyce McClintock, Hazel Ouillette, Julie Rice, Waylon Scott, Betty Mae Shear, Carey Sheldon (Betsy Burke's father), Marjorie Townsend, and Eileen Westfall

Please pray for the family and friends of all those who continue to grieve the death of a loved one.

Please keep those who are serving in the Armed Forces and Peace Corps in your Prayers.

Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century

"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is a daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

Wine and Wisdom, Wednesday, July 31st, 6:00 p.m. at Buccia Vineyard, 518 Gore Rd., Conneaut.

Change for Change, Missions collection has collected and donated \$55.00 as of July 21st for the Foster Children of Ashtabula County. Thank you for your on-going support!

Special Music: We are forming a Men's Chorus for special music on Sunday, August 18, 2019. All men are welcome, regardless of singing experience. There will be rehearsals at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays, August 7, and August 14, in the Harmony Room. Please join us.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PROPER 12

JULY 28TH, 2019

***Please Rise in Body and or Spirit.**

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Liturgist

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As we embrace renewed life in Christ, let us extend signs of peace and unity to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also, with you.**

INTROIT

We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear

#74

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

We come abounding in thanksgiving:

People

**For in Christ we find in all fullness
the holiness
the justice
the hope of God.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:

To feel God's life in us

**flowing through our roots in Christ
and establishing our faith.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:

To celebrate the mystery of God-with-us:

**Christ, who lives fully in us
and in whom we fully live.**

All

**Let us welcome the One who was sent
to make us alive in the fullness of God. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Renew Your Church

#311

***CALLING UPON GOD TOGETHER**

God, we know you will come to us and give us what is good. Let your glory till the landscape of our hearts so that it will yield an increase of love for you.

Speak peace to us, your faithful, and to all who yearn for you. Like Hosea of old, help us to be willing to do as you ask, that we may rejoice to be children of the living God. For we know that as we ask, it will be given and as we knock, the door will be opened to us. Come, bring your goodness to us your children. Amen.

***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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Chris Tomlin
Sharon Long

CALL TO PRAYER *Let Every Christian Pray* #261

COMMUNAL PRAYERS

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory both now and forever. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

A READING FROM THE LETTERS Colossians 2:6-15 Lector

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 138 pg. 714

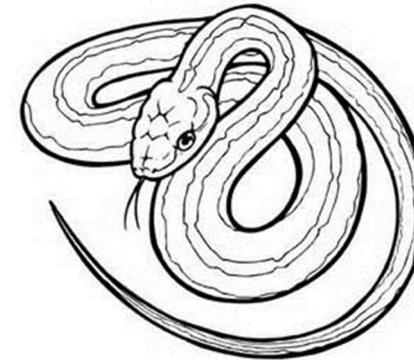
***HYMN** *Lead Us from Death to Life* #581

A MOMENT OF SPIRITUAL QUIETING and THANKFUL REFLECTION

Please sit in a posture of openness, focus on the things that you are thankful for, listen to the voice of God who is still speaking, reflect on your call to follow Christ.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13 Pastor John

SUNG RESPONSE



MESSAGE

GIVING SNAKES

Pastor John

HYMN

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

#520

BENEDICTION*

In the hallowed name of God, let us go out with prayer and a sweet thanksgiving. God calls us out into a world that is sorely in need of both. Daily let us offer to the earth and its people the fullness of God's joy, justice and peace which we have in Christ.

POSTLUDE

***Please place your offering in the offering box with joyful expectation of encountering the Risen Savior during this holiest of seasons as you leave the sanctuary if you have not already done so.**