



**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

**VETERANS SUNDAY**

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*Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here.*



**Robert K. Livingston** Senior Minister  
**Darcy A. Crain** Associate Minister

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Change of Pace Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Chapel Communion: 9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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## We Gather to Worship God

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**Silent Meditation** "If you were to rise early every morning, as an instance of self-denial, as a method of renouncing indulgence, as a means of redeeming your time, and fitting your spirit for prayer, you would find mighty advantages from it."

--William Law, *Serious Call*

**Prelude** "Allegretto (mvmt III)" from Sonata in Bb Op. 65 no. 4  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Timothy L. Huth, Organist

**Celebration of  
Community**

Rev. Darcy Crain

**Recognition of Our  
Veterans**

**Choral Introit**

**\* Processional Hymn** "God is Truly With Us"

Hymnal #68

**\* Call to Worship**

Judy Hallberg

**One:** Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All:** **And all that is within me; bless God's holy name.**

**One:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget any of God's blessings,

**All:** Who forgives every single iniquity and heals all our wounds,

One: Who redeems our lives,

**All:** Who crowns each of us with steadfast love and mercy,

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All:** And all that is within me; bless God's holy name.

One: Let us worship God together. Let us pray.

**\* Prayer of Invocation  
(In Unison)**

(Written by FCC member, David Neal)

**O Creator, we give you thanks for the privilege of living life. We give thanks for your Spirit that lives with us to help us face the many challenges we face in our lives...the Spirit that comforts us, challenges us, heals us, loves us, and encourages us to respect and love one another. Give us strength this day to open our hearts to you so we can be ambassadors of your love to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Children's Circle**

"The Lord's Prayer"

Rachel Dudley, Interim Director of Christian Education

(Children are invited downstairs to church school following the baptism)

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## **Give, Share, Rejoice**

**Choral Anthem** "If You Love Me"

James Nissen, Director of Music

**\* Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Darcy Crain

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## **We Grow in Our Faith**

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**\* Hymn of  
Preparation**

"I Need You Every Hour"

Hymnal #517

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:5-13

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**Sermon**

"The Lord's Prayer"

Rev. Robert K. Livingston

**Solo**

"In Jesus' Name"

Betsy Hill, soloist

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Darcy Crain

**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.**

**Choral Response**

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## **We Go Forth to Live and Serve**

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**\* Recessional Hymn**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal #472

**Charge and  
Benediction**

Rev. Robert K. Livingston

**Choral Benediction** "Amen"

**\* Postlude** "Allegro Con Brio (mvmt I)"  
from Sonata in Bb Op. 65 no. 4  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Timothy L. Huth, Organist

\* Congregation Standing

(Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.)

Following the service, please join us upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for refreshments and fellowship during Friendship Hour.

**Mission and Outreach Committee Christmas Wish Tree**

This month, we will be focusing on collecting and delivering over 100 Christmas gifts for children living in the following housing areas who are supported by Community Action Network: Hikone, Green Baxter and Mitchell. During the first two weeks in November, the community centers at each of these places are asking the children to fill out Christmas Wish tags. These are the tags which will be on our "wall" Christmas tree for you to select to fulfill one or more wishes. The tree will be up by November 12th and the gifts are due back no later than December 10th. If you select a tag **BE SURE TO SIGN IT OUT** in our gift binder next to the tree. Gifts should be \$25.00 or less. If a child wishes for a gift card, please try to buy it at our scrip table as this too raises money for church mission trips. The children will receive the gifts at Christmas parties held by community centers where they live...all with a Ho, Ho, Ho and you know who passing out the gifts! We so appreciate your willingness to help with this wonderful project during this time of giving!



**If You Love Me**  
**Composed by Thomas Tallis**  
**Adapted from John 14:15-17**  
**Conducted by Dr. James C. Nissen**  
**Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist**

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever,  
E'vn the Spirit of truth. E'vn the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever,  
E'vn the Spirit of truth, ev'n the Spirit of truth.

**Matthew 6:5-13**

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

**In Jesus' Name**  
**Arranged by Sandy Rios**  
**Words and Music by Donald E. Matthews**  
**Betsy Hill, soloist**  
**Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist**

In Jesus' name all the world was born; In Jesus' name the foe of God is scorned, In Jesus' name the water calmed again. And that is why I pray in Jesus' name.

In Jesus' name sinners are forgiv'n, In Jesus' name, souls can live again, At Jesus' name, every knee shall bow, and that is why I pray in Jesus' name.

In Jesus' name I have found new life; In Jesus' name there's no fear or strife. In Jesus' name living comes alive. And that is why I pray in Jesus' name.

## God Is Truly with Us

*Matt. 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Rev. 4:8-11**Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729**Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.*

1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now; praise the One we  
 2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the  
 3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and

come be - fore now. Here with-in this tem - ple, here in sound and  
 saints sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -  
 deeds pro - claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais-ing you in

si - lence, wor-ship God in deep-est rev - erence. You a - lone,  
 cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear  
 glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,

God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.  
 to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es,  
 great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

*Gerhard Tersteegen, an important German hymnwriter of the Reformed Church, began preaching at prayer meetings and gained a considerable following. He devoted his life to praying, preaching, visiting the poor, and writing and translating devotional material.*

Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.

*Joachim Neander, in A und D,  
 Glaubund Liebesübung, Bremen, 1680*

# I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.  
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;  
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;  
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.  
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.  
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.  
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain  
Robert Lowry, 1872

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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*Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al - most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

*Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.*

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain  
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

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## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

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- Welcome!** We are glad you joined us this Sunday and look forward to meeting and getting to know you. Please join us after the 10 a.m. service for refreshments and friendship upstairs in Pilgrim Hall. Please don't forget to visit our website at [www.fccannarbor.org](http://www.fccannarbor.org) to learn more about our church.
- Sunday Worship** During our programming year (September through May), we offer our contemporary Change of Pace worship service in Pilgrim Hall at 9:00 a.m. There is a brief 15-minute communion service in our Douglas Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Our more traditional worship service is in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., and is normally followed by refreshments and friendship in Pilgrim Hall. Assisted listening devices are available for services held in our sanctuary.
- Childcare and Church School** Nursery care is available for children newborn to 2 years of age with screened and consistent childcare workers. If you'd like to keep your infant or child with you in worship, you are more than welcome to do so. Please feel free to move about during the service as is needed. Also, during the 10 a.m. service in our regular programming year, children and youth are invited to leave after our children's circle and attend their church school classes.
- Contemporary Issues 2nd Sunday Presentation** Please join us after our 10 a.m. service for our Second Sunday Presentation in the Mayflower Room. This presentation will focus on food justice and how communities can take action to support a thriving local food system. We welcome Jane Pacheco as our presenter. This presentation will highlight awareness and action around issues like food access, labor rights, hunger, and food waste.
- Healing Space** Join us tonight from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall when we feature music by pianist Kathe Johnson. Gratitude will be the focus of the reflection and guided meditation. There will also be a time for prayer. This service meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall. If you need further information, please contact Gail Haynes or Liz Larrivee.
- Luncheon Group** These luncheon gatherings, hosted by Bob Livingston, meet monthly on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May). They are highly informal, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations, with the hopeful result of the nourishment of both the mind and body. The luncheons are held at Knight's Restaurant on 2324 Dexter Avenue in Ann Arbor. Our next luncheon will be November 27.
- Tuesday Night Series (TNS)** Please join us on Tuesday night, November 14, for the final night of our fall series of theological discussions centered on video-based lectures by the popular, fascinating, challenging, and renowned Bishop John Shelby Spong. Rev. Bob Livingston takes the lead with this group. We meet on Tuesday nights in the Mayflower Room of the church from 7-8:30 p.m. Following November 14, the TNS group will recess for the holidays until a new series begins on Tuesday, January 9. Please come and join us if you can!
- Text Breakfast** We gather with Bob Livingston every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Classic Cup Café (4389 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor) for lively discussion. Our next breakfast is scheduled for November 15.
- Mind & Spirit Book Group** The Mind and Spirit Book Group is a community of women of all ages. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. Please contact Janet Chen at [a2janetchen@gmail.com](mailto:a2janetchen@gmail.com) for additional information.
- 20/40** Our 20-, 30-, and 40- somethings meet on Wednesday evenings. Our first study this year was from the UCC "A Listen Up Bible Study" where we explored Ecclesiastes through a four part series. Our next gathering will be November 15.



Have you been wanting to see the beautiful lights of Chicago during the holidays? Would you like to experience the big city festive holiday feeling, possibly see a show, do some Christmas shopping, visit a museum, or just spend time with FCC friends? The Congregators (an informal group of FCC members and friends) are offering you an opportunity to do any or all of these things!

Our group will travel by Amtrak train, leaving Tuesday Dec. 5th at 7:20 a.m. from the Ann Arbor Amtrak train station. You will have 2 nights and almost 3 full days in Chicago. Our return trip will leave from Chicago Union Station on Thursday Dec. 7th at 6 p.m., returning to Ann Arbor by about 11:20 p.m.

While in downtown Chicago, we will be staying at the Hilton Embassy Suites Hotel on South State Street. Our group reservation includes a king bed room suite, a morning made-to-order breakfast buffet, and a nightly manager's social hour which includes beverages and light snacks.

Your itinerary in Chicago is your own! Plan your days together with friends on the trip or enjoy some private time with your special someone! There is lots to do and many theatre and Broadway shows available if you wish to attend one! Your days and evenings are yours completely to schedule or to leave as open as you choose.

Please contact Laura Livingston ([laural88@att.net](mailto:laural88@att.net)) if you are interested in joining us or have any questions.



### JH Coat Drive

It's that time of year again! Junior High students will collect the coats during announcement time of the November Sundays before Thanksgiving (Nov. 5, 12, and 19). We will take any clean coats (all sizes are welcome). If you would like to donate a new or gently used coat, please bring it to the 10 a.m. service or drop off at the church. The last day for collection will be November 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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### VETERANS SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall  
Circle of Friends, Mayflower Room  
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall  
Second Sunday Presentation  
7:00 p.m. Healing Space, Pilgrim Hall
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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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### PILGRIM SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall  
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall  
6:00 p.m. JH Cookie Baking, Pilgrim Hall
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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. NO CHANGE OF PACE SERVICE  
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Church Decorating Party
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Douglas Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall

### TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Infants and preschoolers are invited downstairs to church school before the service.

Children (K-8) are invited to church school after children's circle.



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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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- Nov. 12 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday Presentation  
7:00 p.m. Healing Space, Pilgrim Hall  
Nov. 13 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Mayflower Rm  
Nov. 15 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)  
6:30 a.m. 20/40 Group (Meeting Room)  
Nov. 18 2:00 p.m. SH Retreat—Wildwood Ranch  
Nov. 19 PILGRIM SUNDAY  
LAST COAT DRIVE COLLECTION  
6:00 p.m. JH Fellowship (FCC)  
Nov. 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
Nov. 24 FCC Office Closed  
Nov. 26 9:00 a.m. NO 9 a.m. CHANGE OF PACE  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Worship  
11:00 a.m. Church Decorating  
Nov. 27 MEN'S ROTATING SHELTER BEGINS  
11:30 a.m. Knight's Luncheon Group

**Due to the Men's Rotating Shelter, our December 3rd 9 a.m. Change of Pace service will be held in the Douglas Memorial Chapel. Continental Breakfast will be available in the Mayflower Room beginning at 8:45 a.m. Chapel Communion will still take place at 9:30 a.m. during the Change of Pace service.**

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## STAFF

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Senior Minister	Robert K. Livingston (ext. 554)
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Director of Music Emeritus	Willis Patterson
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Organist Emerita	Marilyn Mason
Pianist	Rebecca Jones
Hand Chimes	Cindy Bylsma
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