



The First  
Congregational  
Church of Ann Arbor

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**March 16, 2025**

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**LENT**

*Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here*

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## We Gather to Worship God

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*~ Hearing assistance devices are located in the back entrance area of the church ~*

**Welcome and  
 Announcements**

Rev. Darcy Crain  
 Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

**\* Gathering Hymn**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

NCH #505

**\* Call to Worship**

Nancy Wynarsky

One: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent.

**All: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

One: Disciples, we desire to walk more closely with Jesus,

**All: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

One: Believers, we seek connection with God,

**All: in prayer, in song, in study, and in community,**

One: Sometimes, we pray alone in silent solitude, sometimes we join our voices in communal prayer. As we continue in worship, let us pray together...

**\* Prayer of Invocation**

**God of many names, we gather today seeking connection with you, with Spirit, with Jesus. Help us be open to your presence among us. Nurture us as we seek comfort, inspiration, and healing for ourselves and our world. Celebrate with us as we reflect on our joys. Thank you for this new day and for this time of worship with dear community. Guide us as we go out into the world, in awe of the Love and example of Jesus, who taught us to pray together...**

**\* 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.**

**\* 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.*

*Kids 0-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited downstairs for FCC Kidz.  
Activity bags are available for kids who wish to stay in worship.*

**Passing of the Peace**     *Please turn and greet your neighbor.*

### Give, Share, Rejoice

**Offertory Sentences** Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

**Offertory Music**     How Beautiful Are The Feet GF Handel  
*lyrics on p.4* Lilian Grusz, soprano  
Joshua Marzan, piano

**\* 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. Lily Tinker Fortel

**Song of Preparation**     *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
daily, walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
(x2)*

### We Grow in Our Faith

**Scripture Reading**     Luke 18:1-8

**Sermon**     "Just a Closer Walk with Thee: Prayer" Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

**Choral Anthem**     O, Sacred Head Mary MacDonald  
*lyrics on p.4* Chancel Choir  
Joshua Marzan, piano

**Pastoral Prayer**     Postlude for the Office of Compline Jehan Alain  
Timothy Huth, organ

**Choral Prayer Response** Chancel Choir

### We Go Forth to Live and Serve

**\* Parting Hymn**     "Standing in the Need of Prayer" NCH #519

**Charge and Benediction** Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

**Postlude**     On a Southern Folk Tune: Wondrous Love David N. Johnson  
Timothy Huth, organ

\* Congregation standing. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.  
Portions of today's liturgy came from re:Worship. Accessed online at [www.reworship.blogspot.com](http://www.reworship.blogspot.com).

## Offertory Music lyrics

How Beautiful Are The Feet

GF Handel

How beautiful are the feet  
Of them that preach  
The gospel of peace  
How beautiful are the feet  
How beautiful are the feet  
Of them that preach  
The gospel of peace  
How beautiful are the feet  
Of them that preach  
The gospel of peace  
And bring glad tidings  
And bring glad tidings  
Glad tidings of good things  
And bring glad tidings  
Glad tidings of good things  
And bring glad tidings  
Glad tidings of good things  
Glad tidings of good things

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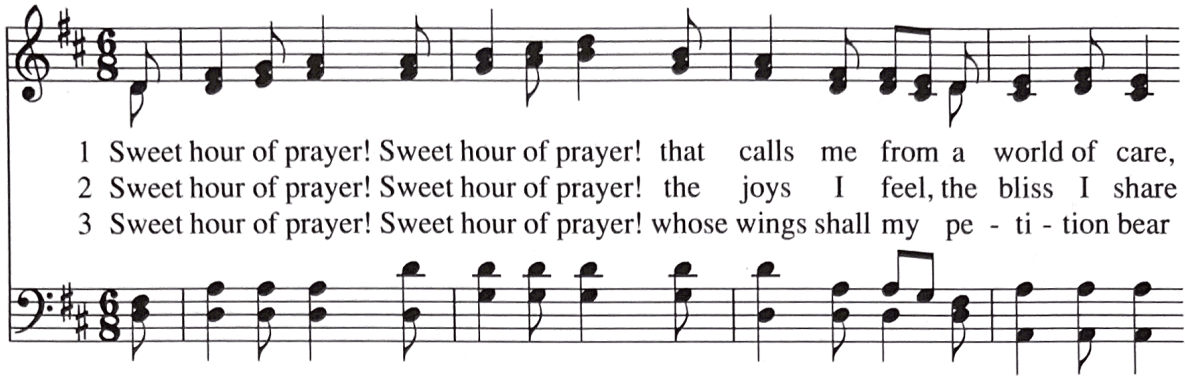
## Choral Anthem lyrics

O, Sacred Heart

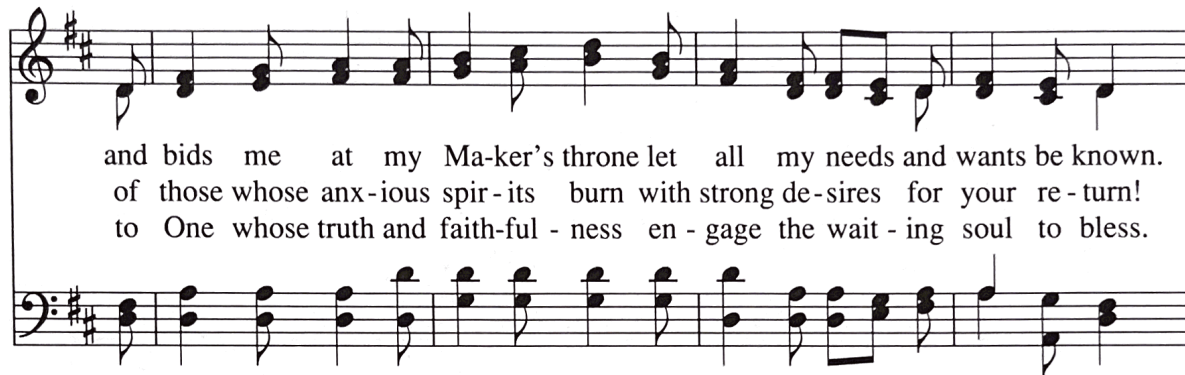
Mary MacDonald

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame, weighed  
down, Now scornfully, surrounded with thorns,  
Thine only crown.  
Anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn!  
O sacred Head, now wounded;  
O sacred Head, now wounded!  
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve  
Thy place; Look on me thy favor, Vouch safe to me Thy grace.  
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
for this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O sacred Head, now wounded; O sacred Head, now wounded!

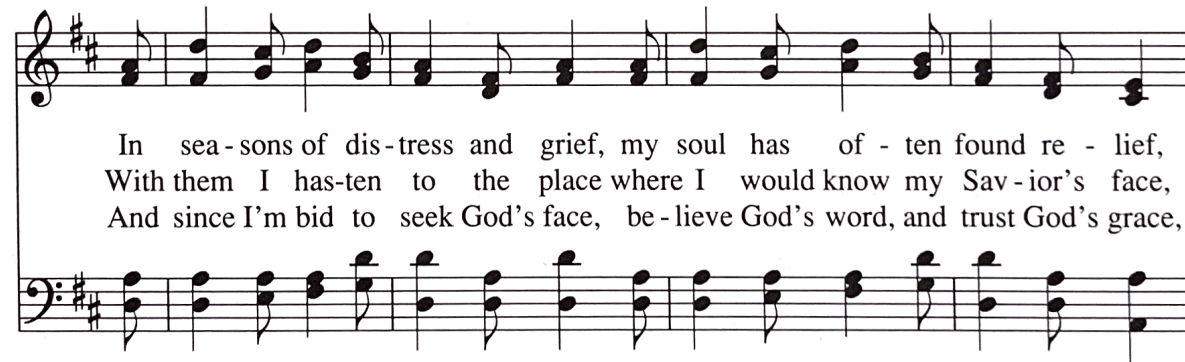
## Sweet Hour of Prayer

*William Walford, 1845; alt.*


1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!  
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
 With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,  
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
 I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

*Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."*

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1861

PRAYER

519

Not My Brother, nor My Sister  
(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

*African-American spiritual; alt.*

Tune: NEED OF PRAYER 13.7.13.7, with refrain  
*African-American spiritual*

James Weldon Johnson included this African-American spiritual in his historic collection of 1925, *The Book of American Negro Spirituals*. It was popularized by Mahalia Jackson, who specialized in such spirituals when she began her public singing career.

*Leader*

1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,  
2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,  
3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,  
4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,

*All* *Leader*

stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's  
stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's  
stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's  
stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's

*All* *Refrain*

me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's  
me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;  
it's me,

PRAYER

It's me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
it's me,

# FCC INFO SESSION

\* MARCH 16, 2025 \* 11AM-12:30PM \* MAYFLOWER ROOM \*  
BRUNCH AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED

WHATEVER YOUR STORY, YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!



## FCC Info Session

11:00 a.m.

Mayflower Room

Are you looking for a supportive community where you can grow in faith and experience peace? Come to our FCC Info Session at 11:00 a.m. and meet Darcy, Lily, and Nancy as they share their stories and insights.

### What to Expect:

- Hear from Darcy, Lily, and Nancy about the journey of faith and how FCC can support your spiritual growth.
- Enjoy a delicious, complimentary brunch while you learn more about our community.
- Bring the little ones! We'll ensure they are well taken care of so you can fully enjoy the session.



Happy Anniversary  
178 Years Strong

*The First Congregational Church ♦ Ann Arbor, Michigan*

## Anniversary Sunday

### Pilgrim Hall

11:00 a.m.

March 23, 2025

### Anniversary Sunday – A Celebration of Our Church Family!

Join us next Sunday for a special celebration in Pilgrim Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service as we honor the incredible members of our church family—ranging from five to seventy years of dedication!

Enjoy fellowship, heartfelt stories, and, of course, delicious cake!

Let's celebrate the rich history and strong community that make our church so special. We can't wait to see you there!

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### Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

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8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class, FCC
11:00 a.m.	FCC Info Session, Mayflower Room
11:00 a.m.	Music Committee Meeting, Meeting Room
11:15 a.m.	AFC Monthly Meeting, FCC Apartment

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9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Anniversary Reception, Pilgrim Hall

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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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03/17		<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
03/17	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting – Mayflower Room
03/18	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series – Mayflower Room
03/19	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island
03/19	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit – Mayflower Room
03/20	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Series Devotional – Mayflower Room
03/22	8:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Night Out - Station 300 – Saline, MI
03/24	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting – Mayflower Room
03/25	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series – Mayflower Room
03/26	12:15 p.m.	American Guild of Organists Spring Fine Arts Series - Sanctuary
03/27	10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Issues Committee Meeting – Mayflower Room

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