

“God Has No Favorites”

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019



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United Church of Christ***

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MISSION STATEMENT

Union Congregational Church, is a community of diverse believers, sharing with one another and accepting of all. With God's unconditional love, we come together to worship, to nurture each other and to reach out with love to all persons.



THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(Please turn off all electronic devices – they interfere with the organ)

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY God

***“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”***

PRELUDE “Do Lord” Dick Kimmel
 “Soon and Very Soon”
 “’ll Fly Away”

WORDS OF WELCOME Duane Grage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

TIME OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP Duane Grage

We have come this morning, O Lord, knowing that you are here waiting for us. We ask your Holy Spirit to fill this place and teach us more of Your truth, Your faithfulness and Your joy. We are prepared to open the door to our lives, to listen with genuine yearning for new meaning on our spirit journey. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**For all that we ought to have thought and not thought,
All that we ought to have said, and have not,
All that we ought to have done, and have not.
All we ought not to have thought, and yet have,
All that we ought not to have spoken, and yet have;
All that we ought not to have done, and yet have,
For thoughts, words and deeds, pray we, O God for forgiveness. Amen**

.. Based on a Persian prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Duane Grage

SONG "I Saw the Light"

Insert

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Greeting our neighbors, extending hands)

Leader: The peace of God be with you.

Response: And also with you.

PRAISE SONG "Sing to the Glory"

Sing to the glory of the God who creates us,

Sing to the glory of the Christ who redeems us,

Sing to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who sustains and comforts us;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, world without end, world without end. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GODS WORDS

SCRIPTURE Beginning with Acts 10 ("The Message" by Eugene Peterson)

SERMON "God Has No Favorites"

Sue Grage

WE RESPOND IN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS

SONG "Down to the River to Pray"

Insert

SHARING OF JOYS IN CONCERNS (Praises and prayer requests)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, in heaven and here on earth, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Yours is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR TALENTS AND TREASURE

"Door to Door to Heaven"

Dick Kimmel

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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION SONG "Try A Little Kindness"

Glen Campbell, words by Curt Sapaugh, Bobby Austin

**If you see your brother standing by the road
With a heavy load from the seeds he's sowed
And if you see your sister falling by the way
Just stop and say, you're going the wrong way**

**You got to try a little kindness
Yes show a little kindness
Just shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets**

**Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way**

**You got to try a little kindness
Yes show a little kindness
Just shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets**

**POSTLUDE "Satan Your Kingdom Must Come Down"
"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"
"Cryin' Holy to the Lord"**

Dick Kimmel

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9: Please Welcome Sue Grage to the Pulpit

9:00 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old
10:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall
10:15 AM Christian Learning Meeting (Library)

MONDAY, JUNE 10:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Upper Room Bible Study (Library)
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Friendship Hall)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11:

12:30 PM Cass County Foot Clinic (Friendship Hall)
3:00 PM Pastor Torri at Birchview

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:

Happy Birthday: Sarah Schmidt
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Treasure Sale
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Friendship Hall)
2:00 PM Justice Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13:

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Treasure Sale

FRIDAY, JUNE 14:

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Treasure Sale
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Bone Builders (Friendship Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15:

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Treasure Sale
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Walleye Fish Fry

SUNDAY, JUNE 16:

Happy Birthday: Joni Kumpula
9:00 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Nursery downstairs for infants – 4 years old
10:00 AM COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Friendship Hall
5:30 PM Games in Friendship Hall

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Join us in the Library for coffee and conversation at 10:00 AM. Bible Study is 10:30 - 11:30 AM. We use Upper Room materials.

The Treasure Sale is almost here! Wednesday, June 12th, is the Big First Day. Sale begins at 9:00 AM -6:00 PM. If you still have items to donate, please try to get them to Union Church as soon as possible so they may be properly displayed.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Heidi or Cindy. Thanks to all who have already done so - it is appreciated!

VBS Time is almost here! June 26, 27, and 28 are the dates. Theme is Globetrekkers II - Sharing God's Love. Kids ages 4 years old to entering 8th Grade welcome. Forms available at church or on church website. All warmly welcomed!

Looking ahead- The new School of Music will have a 'soft opening' at Union Church on July 1st. They will soon be accepting donations of sample instruments for kids and adults who wish to explore options for lessons. A recording studio is to be part of this opportunity to share the gift of music with everyone. More publicity available soon!

WALLEYE FISH FRY!!! The 9th Annual Walleye Fish Fry, sponsored by Men's and Women's Fellowship, will be on Saturday, June 15. Save this date. Tickets will be available from members of the Fellowships and through the office. This is a church andcommunity event and a fundraiser for these groups.

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend. Sheriff Tom Burch and the crew from the Sheriff's office will be preparing the Walleye again this year.

HELP NEEDED - If you can help at the Walleye Fish Fry, please contact Don Hoppe at 675-6265 or 218-839-4341. Many hands make light work, and the more we have, the better and easier it is for all. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway to the Friendship Hall and if you don't sign up, you will be contacted. Many tasks need to be done, so please sign up to help. This is a great event for the church and the community!

JUNE EVENTS

June 12, 13, 14 & 15 – Treasure Sale 9:00AM to 6:00PM

June 15 – Walleye Fish Fry 4:00pm – 6:30pm

June 18 – 25 – Fred Smith will lead Worship while Pastor Torri will be gone to General Synod

June 26, 27 & 28 - VBS

JUNE 2019 POP-UP SALE - The Walker Area Food Shelf (WAFS) is popping up with another fundraiser sale in June. This popular event is scheduled for June 20, 21, and 22 at the east end of the Cornerstone Church located at 6500 State Hwy 371 NW in Walker, MN (across from Frizzell Furniture Gallery).

Items for sale include new and used furniture, household décor, assorted glass and dishware, garden items, linens, and miscellaneous household items. Doors will be open 9:00-6:00 on Thursday and Friday with plenty of hot dogs, chips, sodas and treats for hungry shoppers. Saturday hours will be 9:00-12:00 with many items discounted for the final sale day.

In preparation for this 3 day sale, WAFS will be accepting additional donations every Monday and Wednesday (9:00-12:00) at the east end of the Cornerstone Church. Specifically, gently used furniture, household décor, garden accessories and miscellaneous household items are welcome; however, books, electronics, clothing, and holiday décor are not being accepted at this time.

An exciting opportunity has also been included with this year's sale. For individuals that have higher ticket items to offer, WAFS is prepared to sell those items on a consignment basis. For more information please contact Cheri Ford at WalkerFoodShelf@Gmail.com.

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed to assist in sorting items, help with fundraiser sales, and work at the food shelf. If interested, contact the Walker Area Food Shelf at WalkerFoodShelf@Gmail.com or 218.547.1713 for the flexible options that are available.

Watch for pictures, videos and more information on Facebook.com/WalkerAreaFood Shelf/ as more exciting details are added!

TRANSFORM A LIFE, AND YOUR OWN BY DONATING BLOOD

What if we told you an hour of your time could change someone's life? It can. In the time it takes you to read a news article, nearly 100 people receive lifesaving transfusions. By taking just an hour or so to donate, you can do something wonderful. What greater community service can your congregation do in less than an hour than save lives?

The opportunity to share your healthy blood with those in need will be on Tuesday, June 18th from 12:30 to 6 PM at the Hackensack Community Building, sponsored by the Hackensack Legion Auxiliary and United Blood Services.

Please contact Faith in Action for Cass County at 218-675-5435 to make an appointment or call United Blood Services at 800-917-4929 for more information. These donations supplement the blood needs of our area hospitals. So, add a little awe to your day, and to someone's life, by becoming a blood donor on June 18th in Hackensack. Thank you and God Bless You!