

Upcoming Events (www.fccstjoseph.org/events/)

Sunday, May 15	10:30 a.m. Worship (5th Sunday of Easter)
	2:15 p.m. CROP Walk
Monday, May 16	7:00 p.m. CE Board
Tuesday, May 17	9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, May 18	5:40 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m. Youth Group Year-End Bonfire @ Parsonage
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 19	1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
	5:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
Sunday, May 22	10:30 a.m. Worship (6th Sunday of Easter)
Monday, May 23	9:00 a.m. Church Council
Tuesday, May 24	9:30 a.m. Book Group

“We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to Discover God, Equip One Another for Life, and Reach Inward and Outward to Serve”

First Congregational Church

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Senior Minister	Jeffrey Hubers
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Youth Ministry Director	Carly Hubers
Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing the Peace [screen]

You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Robert Lind

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Rev. Catherine Betten-Balk, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#312 “Christ is Alive!”

Discovering

Children's Message - Children PreK–5th grade are invited to come forward. Following this time, students are invited to the chapel for Elementary Sunday School. The nursery is open during worship.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir

“Hard Times” arr. Nick Johnson

Jonathan Clough, Tenor; Forrest Miesse, Fiddle; Susan Dietrich-Reed, Cello; Steve Reed, Guitar

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Acts 11:1-18, MSG [screen]

Message “Bringing Forth the Risen One”

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

#298 “The Day of Resurrection”

Thanking

Morning Prayer
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "The Power of the Cross" arr. Molly Ijames

Serving

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

Benediction
Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. Dale Wood
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.
Peace be with you!*

Join us for a time of coffee and cookies fellowship after worship.

Ushers: Debbie Wood, Cynthia Schlipp, Ruth Beach, Judy and Roger Bertsch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new or a guest and would like more info on FCC, please contact the church office - 269.983.5519 or office@fccstjoseph.org - we'd love to get to know you!

The **CROP Walk** will take place **today!** Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with instruction and blessing given at 2:15 in the church parking lot. Come walk with us!

Pastor Jeffrey and Carly will host the **Youth Group** for a **bonfire** at the parsonage to close out their regular season together on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Contact **Carly** for more details (carly@fccstjoseph.org)

Women's Bible Study meets **Thursday, May 19 at 1 p.m.** Rev. Catherine Balk and Jodie Niznik, author of *Trust*, will co-lead. Contact Kathy at zerler@sbcglobal.net.

Books available for May's **SW Michigan Community Read:** *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Contact Nancy Fette (nancyfette@gmail.com) for details.

Join Pastor Jeffrey & friends at **Taproom Hours** on **Thursday, May 26** at Watermark Brewing Co. (5781 St Joseph Ave, Stevensville) anytime from **5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Diaconate is looking for **Sunday ushers**. You can **sign-up** on the main bulletin board.

Cookies are needed for fellowship time after worship—please contact Betty Westmaas to volunteer (269.930.2403)

Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Gathering Room, to discuss *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg. For more info, contact Faith Smith at fesstiv@comcast.net.

Morning walking group—Tuesday's and Thursday's at 8:00 a.m.—corner of Hutchison and Forres (contact Patty Nordberg -269.369.0629 for info).

To help with **Soup Kitchen** at our **monthly spot (third Tuesday)**, contact Lori Hellenga - 269.921.7919

Assist with "Bear Packs" (**weekend food pack ministry**) for neighboring elementary schools: bak73wm@aol.com (Beth Kenagy)

Please **sign the fellowship pads** in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

