

## WHO WE ARE

### Our Vision

As believers in Jesus Christ, we will be a church of vibrant Christians.

### Our Mission

We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to: *Discover God*

*Equip one another for life*

*Reach inward/outward to serve*

### Our Welcome

Because we believe each person is made in God's Image, we welcome all persons into the life and worship of this congregation. Regardless of age, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation, racial or ethnic background – you are welcome here!

## CONTACT

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## STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

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Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 27

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Confirmation+

Monday, April 28

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

Tuesday, April 29

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

7:00 p.m. - Documentary

Wednesday, April 30

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 1

12:00 p.m. - Interfaith Service

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Friday, May 2

11:00 a.m. - CMW

7:00 p.m. - Spring Fling

Saturday, May 3

12:00 p.m. - SWA @ Tower Hill

Sunday, May 4

10:30 a.m. - Worship

**For full listing, check Events  
or Newsletter on website.**



## First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**"Second Sunday of Easter"**

**"Wherever you are on the journey of life or faith, you are  
welcome here"**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome / Announcements      *\*\*indicates invitation to stand if able*  
Sharing the Peace [screen]  
    *You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare for worship.*  
Prelude      "Jubilate!" Douglas Wagner  
                *Jubilate Ringers*  
\*\*Call to Worship [screen]      Bob Ehrenberg, Liturgist

Hymn [screen]      #299 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Children's Message    *PreK—5th grade may come forward. Grades 1-5 invited to Sunday School in chapel. Pre-K have "Kids Club" in Nursery. Pickup at 11:40.*

Ministry of Music      "Death, Where Is Your Sting?" Lloyd Larson  
                                *Chancel Choir*

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen]      John 20:19-31, NRSV

Message      "Resurrected Faith" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers  
    *Students 6-12th grade may depart for Youth Group in the Lounge.*  
\*\*Hymn [screen]      #301 "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

Morning Prayer      Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory      "Appassionata" Michael Joy  
                *Alleluia Ringers*  
\*\*Doxology [screen]

Benediction      Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude      "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God" arr. Cathy Moglebst  
                *Alleluia Ringers*  
    *You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection;  
    otherwise, please depart quietly. Peace be with you!*

**Ushers:** Chris Norland, Cynthia Schlipp, Jane Sykora, Niki Schreiber,  
Karen Christman

*Thank you for joining us for worship! If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about FCC, please enter your contact info in the fellowship pads located in the pews and a staff member will reach out!*

To receive text updates via the **Remind app**,  
go to <https://www.remind.com/join/fccsti>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The final session of Confirmation+ will take place after worship today in the chapel with Confirmation Sunday being celebrated on May 4.

Area Agency on Aging is looking for representatives to share in their Legislative Forum on April 28. If you want your voice heard, please contact EmilyMarshall@areaagencyonaging.org or [visit their website](#) (digital link).

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *The Women's Hotel* by Daniel M. Lavery. Contact: fesstiv@comcast.com.

Join for a special screening of the Oscar-winning documentary, *No Other Land*, which highlights the conflict in Gaza. Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m., in fellowship hall, there'll be a free showing presented by Interfaith Action.

Interfaith Action will be holding a National Day of Prayer service at noon on Thursday, May 1 in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this special service.

Come by The Livery (190 5th St Benton Harbor) on Thursday, May 1 anytime from 5-7 p.m. for Taproom Hours.

Church Women United will hold its Friendship Day on May 2 at 11 a.m. Contact Joyce Vance (269.983.2457) to RSVP or for more info.

On Friday, May 2 at 7 p.m., please join us for our "Spring Fling" in support of the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. There'll be live music, food, and drinks. \$5 at the door and then food & beverage for additional purchase. If you'd like to help volunteer for the show, contact Pastor Jeffrey.

The Southwest Association of the Michigan UCC will be hosting an all-congregation gathering on Saturday, May 3 from 12-3 p.m. at Tower Hill.

Monday Musical Presents will hold a program on May 5 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome—freewill offering collected.

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson (zerlerkathy@gmail.com) for meeting info.

Grief Ministry will meet on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Email Cynthia at cwcaruso@alumni.ucdavis.edu for more info.

Mary Preston Guild will have its spring luncheon on Wednesday, May 14 at noon at the St. Joseph Yacht Club. RSVP by May 10, call 269.369.4933.

We're putting on a "worship jam" - a time to practice some worship songs, just for fun. If you play or sing, email alex.svetlev@gmail.com, and our first session will be Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.