

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026

Mother's Day



PRELUDE

Roger Tyler, Piano

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Danny Sprank

*(Following announcements, please turn and greet your neighbor "good morning", new children are welcome to join other children down at Kid's Church on 1st floor- see usher for assistance )*

OPENING HYMN #395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

*Congregation sings, standing*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clay Ketchum & *Congregation, standing*

**Leader:** Come, people of God, come as you are—

**All:** We come with grateful hearts and open spirits.

**Leader:** We gather to worship the One who does not leave us alone—

**All:** The One whose love abides with us always.

**Leader:** Like a nurturing presence, God cares for us and sustains us—

**All:** Guiding us with patience, compassion, and truth.

**Leader:** Today we remember those who have nurtured us in love—

**All:** Those who have taught us kindness, strength, and faith.

**Leader:** And we honor the Spirit of God alive within us—

**All:** Calling us to love one another as we have been loved.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the God who is with us—

**All:** The God who will never leave us orphaned. Amen.

PRAYER SONG#627

I Love You, Lord *Congregation, seated, before and after prayers*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Danny Sprank

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

*Congregation, seated*

**Transforming God, you meet us where we are and love us as we are, yet you do not leave us unchanged. Through your Spirit, shape us into people of love and grace. Where we are fearful, give us courage. Where we are weary, renew our strength. Where we are closed off, open our hearts again. Nurturing God, help us to receive your love fully and to share it freely with others. Make us new in spirit and in action, that our lives may reflect your kindness, justice, and abiding love. Send us out renewed by your Spirit, ready to be a caring presence in the lives of others, so that all may know they are not alone, but held in your grace. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clay Ketchum

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Congregation, seated*

**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.**

PRAYER SONG#627

I Love You, Lord *Congregation, seated, before and after prayers*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Danny Sprank

DOXOLOGY# 550 (vs 1)

Give Praise to the Lord

*Congregation sings, standing*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*Congregation, standing*

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for your many gifts and for the love that sustains us each day. Receive these offerings and our lives, that they may bring hope, care, and compassion to others. As we have been nurtured in love, send us out to share that love in your world. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Clay Ketchum

SPECIAL MUSIC

Roger Tyler, Piano

SECOND READING

John 14:15-21

Clay Ketchum

REFLECTION

Danny Sprank

CLOSING HYMN# 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

*Congregation sings standing*

BENEDICTION

Danny Sprank

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

Roger Tyler, Piano

