**Hudsonville Congregational United Church of Christ**

**February 5, 2023**

 **Welcome to Worship**

**Prelude “He’ll Stand By You”**

**Welcome and Sharing of Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: We delight to draw near you, gracious God.

 **All: We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.**

Pastor: We gather to seek God’s wisdom.

 **All: The wisdom of God is unlike any other.**

Pastor: God sends us into the world with new priorities.

 **All: We are disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Opening Song “Live Like That”**

**Our Children's Moment Ruth Lee (she, her)**

**Passing the Peace**

**Unison Prayer**

 **May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, Holy God. May our ears be attuned to hear your call to us. May our hearts be steady and focused on you. Praise be to you whom we worship with awe and delight. Guide us we pray. Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency. Embolden us to work against injustice and to let the oppressed go free. Then your light will break forth like the dawn. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Matthew 5: 13 - 16 Christa Ferguson (she, her)**

**Sermon “Be a Flavor” Pastor Dan (he, him)**

**UCC Statement of Faith**

**Prayer Song “Lord I Need You”**

**Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer (words on screen)**

**The Offertory “We Believe”**

**Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Celebration of Communion “All Who Are Thirsty”**

**\*Closing Song “How Can I Keep from Singing”**

**Benediction**

**Postlude “He’ll Stand By You”**

**United Church of Christ Statement of Faith**

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,**

**God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,**

 **and to your deeds we testify.**

**You call the worlds into being,**

 **create persons in your own image,**

 **and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will**

 **declared through prophets and apostles.**

 **In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,**

 **You have come to us and shared our common lot,**

 **conquering sin and death**

 **and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,**

 **creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,**

 **binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church, to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,**

 **to be your servants in the service of others,**

 **to proclaim the gospel to all the world**

 **and resist the powers of evil,**

 **to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,**

 **to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you**

 **forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,**

 **courage in the struggle for justice and peace,**

 **your presence in trial and rejoicing,**

 **and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.**