

# United Church of Christ

Midland, Michigan • An Open and Affirming Church

**Rev. Roger C. Pancost**



February 5, 2012  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Hymns

*De colores*

NCH (Black) #402

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

NCH (Black) #347

### Welcome to Worship

(Please sign the *Fellowship Pad* in the red folder at the end of the pew. Visitors, please give your address and phone number and sign our guest book located in the Narthex.)

### Announcements

### Joys and Concerns

### Greet Each Other with the Peace of God

### Prelude

*Adagio*, K. 356

W. A. Mozart

### We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

(Acolyte carries the Light to the Communion Table)

### Choral Introit

Yannerella

*Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple*

### Call to Worship

L: We come to worship this morning with a variety of hungers.

**P: We come hungering for supportive fellowship.**

L: We come hungering for worship that is transformational.

**P: We come hungering for an ever-deepening relationship with God.**

L: Come, my friends, to this time of worship. Feel the love of those around you. Celebrate in word, song and sacrament. Know that God is present.

### \* Hymn

NCH (Black) #459

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

(Asterisk indicates when you may stand. Please stand, as you are able, when the first notes of the hymn are played.)

- \* **Prayer of Confession**                      Seasons of the Spirit  
**Patient God, there are times when we have been too busy to stop, and have hurt ourselves by becoming disconnected from you.**

**There are times when we have hurried along and not seen those on our doorstep reaching out for help, for healing, for love.**

**There are times when the noise of our activity drowned your call, the cries of the lonely, the forgotten, the ignored in our community. Receive our confession. Amen.**

- \* **Congregational Kyrie**    NCH (Black) #751

- \* **Words of Affirmation**

L: Hear these words from Isaiah: Do you know? Have you heard? God is everlasting, the Creator of all that lives. God does not tire or wear out; God understands more than we can imagine. In God, those who faint, even the powerless, receive strength. Rely on God and renew your strength—fly on wings like eagles, run with endless energy, continue on and you will not grow tired.

**Children's Moments**                      *Recharging*                      Rev. Pancost

**Anthem**    *Alleluia*    Berger  
Shirley Rose and Lynne King, Soloists

**Scripture**

Isaiah 40:21-31    Pew Bible, page 620  
Mark 1:29-39    Pew Bible, pages 867-868

**Sermon**                      *Seeking Renewal*                      Rev. Roger C. Pancost

- \* **Hymn**                      *As We Gather at Your Table*                      NCH (Black) #332

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer ("Debts" and "Debtors")**

**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, for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Offertory**

*Verset*

Léon Boëllmann

(The loose change in today's offering will be  
given to SAMS Food Pantry.)

### **\* Doxology** NCH (Black) #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

## **Order of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**Congregational Sanctus**

NCH (Black) #794

**Sharing the Elements**

(Please hold the bread until all are served.  
You may drink the cup when it is received.)

## **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**O God, we give thanks that through this bread  
and cup our faith has been renewed, our hope  
has been strengthened, and our love has been**

rekindled. Through the power of Christ's spirit in us, lead us back into the world to share these gifts. Amen.

\* **Hymn** *Joys Are Flowing like a River* NCH (Black) #284

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Response** *Amen* Larson

**Postlude** *Miniature No. 7* Flor Peeters

### **We Carry the Light of Christ into the World**

(Acolyte carries the Light from the Communion Table)

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- It is important for everyone to use the **microphone** during Announcements and Joys and Concerns.
  - This church is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
  - **Large print** bulletins and copies of today's hymns are available for your use. Please ask an usher for a copy.
  - **Audio CD's** of the worship service and a CD player may be borrowed from the office.
  - **The church website** is updated weekly and contains worship bulletins, sermons, calendars, newsletter and other offerings. Please visit [www.uccmidland.org](http://www.uccmidland.org)



**Acolyte:** Brandon Geib  
**Liturgist:** Dawn Baker  
**Organist:** Edward Soehnlen  
**Director of Music:** James Hohmeyer  
**Director of Educational Ministries:** Rachel White  
**Sound System Operator:** Tom Wells  
**Head Usher:** Michael O'Connell  
**Head Greeter:** Barb Foster





**Please join us in Fellowship Hall** for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Board of Educational Ministries

**The new Internet Presence Committee** consisting of Brad Geib, Carl Gillett, Mary Haslam, Shawn McDonald, Felix McElroy III and Scott Mellen, has begun working to offer advice on the church's use of the internet to the Church Council. There will be a report in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you have concerns about how the church is using or might use internet resources, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

**Art sale** Howard Garrett is having a sale of his photomicrograph artwork. Many of us are familiar with his microscope photographs of crystals, that were recently displayed here at the church. The sale prices will be one third of the original art fair prices, and Howard is generously donating all proceeds to our church.



ART SALE

The art sale will be held at his home, 2107 Sylvan Lane today from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Prints will be available in many sizes and formats from 8 x 10 to 30 x 40, framed, matted, or print only. Come see the many beautiful designs and scenes found in the tiny crystals. Take a few home for yourself or as gifts. Howard would love to explain the process to anyone interested in the science behind the art.

**The Ladies that Lunch Bunch** will meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. We will be going to Captain Dave's on Bay City Road. It is next to the Roll-Arena, using the same parking area. If you have any questions please contact Sue Rhodes or Sondi Geminder.



LUNCH

BUNCH



The United Church of Christ Midland will hold its **Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12** immediately following the service of worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive annual reports, vote on the 2011 operating budget, install officers and board members, and any other church business. Please plan to attend your input is important! Childcare will be provided.

Our special offering for the month of February is for the Church World Service **Blankets+ Program**. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U. S. provide funds to help people in need around the world, including the U.S.



For more information about the Blankets+ Program, please visit the web site at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) and click on the Blankets+ link. If you would like to make a contribution, there are envelopes on the tables outside the sanctuary doors. Gifts will be collected from **February 5 through February 26**.

**Save the Date! Mark your calendars now as** you won't want to miss Fiesta Fantástico coming on April 29. Watch for details...coming soon!

All are invited to a concert performed by **emma's revolution**, a duo of activist musicians. The concert is Sunday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland, 6220 Jefferson Avenue. Tickets are available at the UU Fellowship and online at [emmasrevolution.com](http://emmasrevolution.com).

## Calendar of Events

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2012

Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Art Sale - At the home of Howard Garrett	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class - Blue Door Room	4:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 6

<i>Paint &amp; Palette - Choir Room</i>	10:00 a.m.
Board of Fine Arts - Choir Room	5:15 p.m.
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 7

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Choir Room	12:00 noon
Pastoral Relations Committee - Choir Room	4:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, February 8

Bulletin Deadline	
Bible Study - Choir Room	7:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Blue Door Room	12:30 p.m.
Personnel Committee - Blue Door Room	7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 9

Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
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### Friday, February 10

<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
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### Saturday, February 11

ONA Conference - Edgewood UCC	9:00 a.m.
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### Sunday, February 12

Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting - Baumann Fellowship Hall	Immediately following
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	Immediately following
Confirmation Class - Blue Door Room	4:00 p.m.

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

**Rev. Pancost's Office Hours:**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, Monday through Thursday  
and by appointment**

**Rachel White, Director of Educational Ministries is  
available in the building on  
Sunday & Tuesday mornings  
9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.**