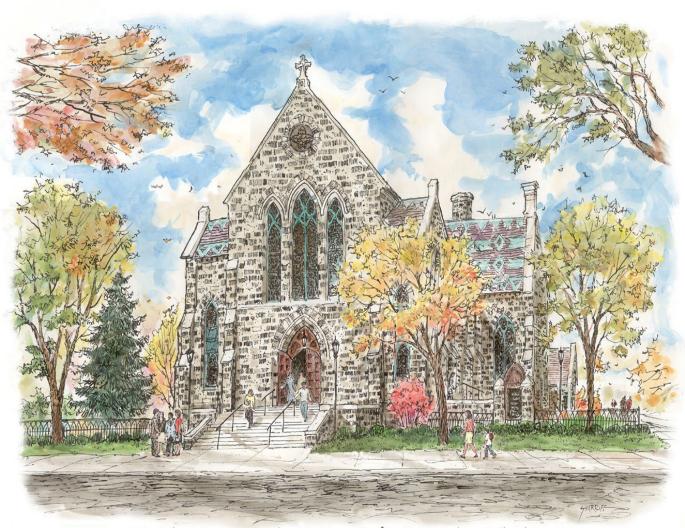


October 27, 2024



The First Congregational Church & Ann Arbor, Michigan

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here



Rev. Dr. Darcy A. Crain Senior Minister
Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel Associate Minister

Change of Pace Service: 9:00 a.m. Chapel Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

~ Hearing assistance devices are located in the back entrance area of the church ~

Welcome and Rev. Darcy Crain
Announcements Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Prelude Méditation pour orgue Maurice Duruflé

Timothy Huth, organ

* Gathering Hymn "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" NCH #73

* Call to Worship Judy Hallberg

One: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, who invites us into grace

and peace.

Many: We come seeking the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is himself a

sign of God's love for our world.

One: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our

hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Many: We open our hearts to the peace that transcends our worries, and our

minds to the love that sustains us.

One: Let us worship with joy, knowing that God's grace is with us, God's

love surrounds us, and the Spirit unites us.

Many: We come with grateful hearts, ready to give and ready to receive.

One: Let us pray:

* Prayer of Invocation Gracious and loving God, We gather in Your presence with hearts

full of gratitude for the countless blessings You pour into our lives. From the dawn of creation until this very moment, You have spoken words of blessing over us, offering us peace, grace, and love beyond measure. You have acted justly and compassionately, modeling the way we are to live and be in the world. Bless this time of worship, that we may be a blessing to others, carrying Your love and peace

into the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray together:

* Lord's Prayer 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.

* Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world

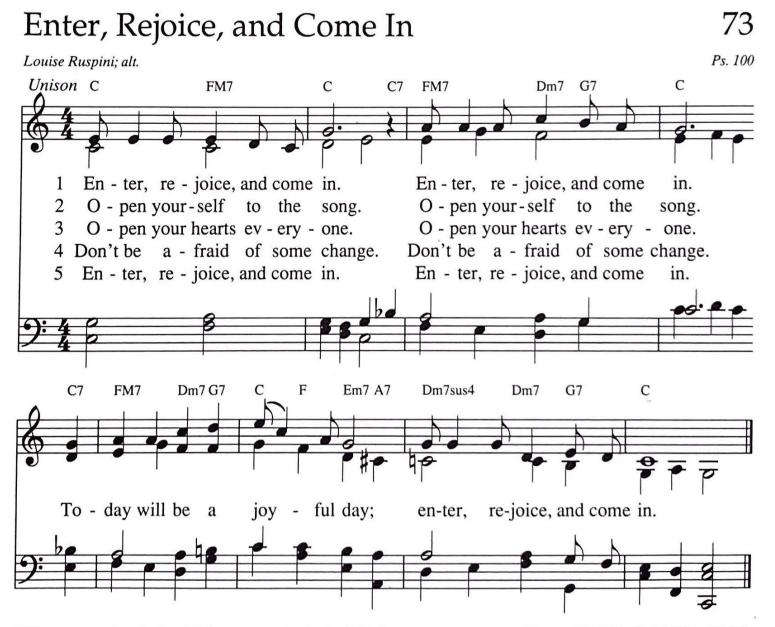
without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Circle FCC Kidz Halloween Parade Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel

Kidz 0-8th grade are invited downstairs for FCC Kidz. Activity bags are available for kids who wish to stay in worship.

Passing of the Peace	Please turn and greet your neighbor.				
Give, Share, Rejoice					
Offertory Sentences		Rev. Lily Tinker Fortel			
Offertory Music	The Lord's Prayer	Albert Hay Malotte Lilian Grusz, soprano Joshua Marzan, piano			
* Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.				
Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Eric Hausman			
* Hymn of Preparation	"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"	NCH #293			
We Grow in Our Faith					
Scripture Reading	Numbers 6:24-26 & 2 Corinthians 13:14				
Sermon	"Prayers of Blessing"	Rev. Darcy Crain			
Anthem	Grant Us Your Peace	Felix Mendelssohn Chancel Choir Joshua Marzan, piano			
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Eric Hausman			
Choral Prayer Response		Chancel Choir			
We Go Forth to Live and Serve					
* Parting Hymn	"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"	NCH #18			
Charge and Benediction		Rev. Darcy Crain			
Postlude	Toccata in D moll (BWV 565)	J.S. Bach Gail Archer, guest organist			

Gathering Hymn



This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment. Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.

Louise Ruspini
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2 William Williams, 1745 St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt. St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt. 1 Guide me, pil - grim through this O my great Re - deem - er, foun - tain, where the heal - ing O - pen now the crys - tal 3 When I Jor - dan, reach the Riv bid anx - ious er my Ι you bar - ren land; am weak, but might - y; are wa - ters flow. Let the fire cloud - y pil - lar and fears sub - side. Death of hell's struc - tion, death, and de Bread of heav - en, bread of heav-en, hold me with your power-ful hand. lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de-liv - erer, strong de-liv - erer, Songs of prais - es, land me safe on heav-en's side. songs of prais-es feed me till I want feed me till Ι more. no more, want be my strength and shield, ev - er be shield. ev - er my strength and will ev - er sing Ι will ev sing to you, er you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

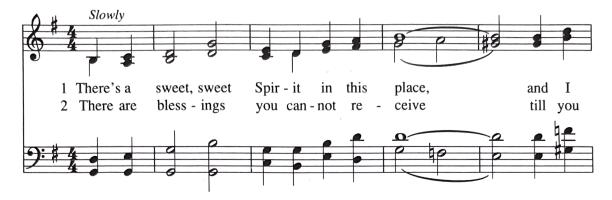
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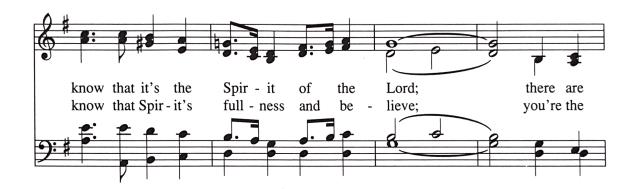
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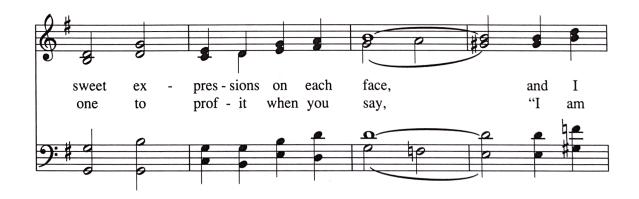
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17–5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.









This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930–1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT 9.11.9.11. with refrain Doris Akers, 1962



Sunday, October 27 th		U	UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS		
9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall	10/29	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series – Mayflower Ro	
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel	10/30	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island	
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	10/31		Happy Halloween!	
10:00 a.m.	FCC Kidz Halloween Parade, Sanctuary	11/01	6:00 p.m.	First Friday Family Fun Night – Pilgr	
11:00 a.m.	Pumpkin Sunday Potluck, Pilgrim Hall			Hall	
2:00 p.m.	Rehearsal, Sanctuary	11/03		Daylight Savings Time Ends	
	Sunday, November 3 rd	11/03	2:15 p.m.	Ben Gaughran Lecture - FUMC	
9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall	11/03	3:00 p.m.	Ben Gaughran Dissertation Recital - FUMC	
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel	11/05		Election Day	
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	11/05		NO Tuesday Night Series	
10:00 a.m.	MS Youth Coat Drive, Sanctuary	11/06		Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island	
11:15 a.m.	BOCE Meeting, Mayflower Room	11/06	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit – Mayflower Room	
11:15 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour, Meeting Room	11/06		Marketing Meeting - Zoom	
12:00 p.m.	Rehearsal, Sanctuary	11/06	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach – Mayflower R	

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