

The Congregational Church of South Hero, U.C.C.



3rd Sunday after Pentecost **June 14, 2026**

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Michael W. Galica

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

A few things about our church...

- ❖ A **restroom** is in the back area of the church by the closets. Additional restrooms and a **changing table** are available downstairs.
- ❖ A **supervised nursery** is downstairs for children ages 5 and under.
- ❖ **Bold type** in the bulletin indicates a response by all.
- ❖ An * (**asterisk**) notes a time it is appropriate to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.
- ❖ Hymns marked **NCH** are in the **black New Century Hymnal**.
Hymns marked **W&R** are in the **green Worship & Rejoice** hymnal.

Preparing for Worship

Prelude

Ringing the Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Gathered as One

Invocation

Pastor Mike

God who calls us, we are here, here to serve, and here to worship. We are here to sing and to pray, to let the word resound in us and the community to envelop us. We are here, O God, to know you and be known by you. We enter with thanksgiving and praise. We enter in safety of love and hope of peace. Holy One, we respond to your call. We are here.

Amen

Introit

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Diane Monti-Catania

We call on the Holy One as long as we live! What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

With love and laughter, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

Lifting the cup of salvation and offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, we praise the Holy One!

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us?

With the fruit of our worship and the fruit of our lives, we praise the Holy One!

*Gathering Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

NCH #164

Prayer of Confession

Diane Monti-Catania

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and that offers the possibility of transformed life.

Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us. Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kin-dom. Amen.

*A time of silence to contemplate these words
and how they apply to us personally and as a community of faith.*

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

Pastor Mike

Gracious ones, you may receive the nourishment and encouragement of God to be fruitful even when the Holy One amazes us beyond expectation and dream. God is with us in season and out of season. Expect an abundant and bountiful harvest to witness to God’s grace at work in and through us.

Amen.

Our Celebration

“Spirit of the Living God”

W&R #492 v.1

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Proclaiming God’s Word

Time with Young People Sunday School and Niebling Award Recognition

Prayer for Illumination

Diane Monti-Catania

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 18:1–15, 21:1–7

Pew Bible p 12, 14

Psalm

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 (CEB)

Read by All

I love the LORD because [God] hears my requests for mercy.

I’ll call out to [God] as long as I live,

because [God] listens closely to me.

What can I give back to the LORD

for all the good things [God] has done for me?

I’ll lift up the cup of salvation. I’ll call on the LORD’s name.

I’ll keep the promises I made to the LORD

in the presence of all God’s people.

The death of the LORD's faithful is a costly loss in [God's] eyes.

Oh yes, LORD, I am definitely your servant!

**I am your servant and the son of your female servant—
you've freed me from my chains.**

**So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,
and I'll call on the LORD's name.**

**I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courtyards of the LORD's house,
which is in the center of Jerusalem.**

Praise the LORD!

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

Pew Bible p 790

Response

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “For the Glory of the Lord” *by Twila Paris & Tom Fettke* **Chancel Choir**

Gospel

Matthew 9:35–10:23

Pew Bible p 917

Response

This is the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Impossible Things”

Pastor Mike

***Sermon Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”**

NCH #495

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mike

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with
sighs too deep for words. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for the church... Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
fill us with the hope of your good news—the hope that will never disappoint
us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth... Let all the earth make a joyful noise to
you, for your steadfast love endures forever and your faithfulness is for all
generations. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations... Teach the leaders of this and every nation to keep their promises and follow your way, so that all may have fullness of life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for this community... Let us be laborers in the field of your harvest, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and helping those who are suffering. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones... Incline your ear to those who cry for help. Pour out your saving, life-giving power on all who seek relief. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray...

The 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Responding to God's Work

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Mike

What shall we return to the Holy One for God's bounty to us? God calls us to live fruitful and faithful lives that witness to and spread the good news of the kin-dom in the world. God provides for our needs abundantly so that all may flourish.

May we use the bounty that we receive as gifts to share rather than as resources to hoard. Let generosity, trust, and hope guide us to support the ministry of this faith community and the wider church.

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

CREATOR, CHRIST and Holy Ghost.

(sing the ending you are more comfortable with)

Praise FATHER, SON and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give.

Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.

Sent Forth in God's Name

*Sending Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

NCH #76

*Benediction

May laughter and love fill your heart and joy and peace flow like a mighty river from you as you share the glory of God in hope and peace, boasting in the goodness of God and delighting in the wonders of God. As you work the harvest of the kin-dom, go, and be fruitful in the power of God: Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit

Amen.

*Benediction Song

Seek justice. Love kindness.

Live humbly. Rejoice.

The world needs your wisdom,

Your passion, your voice,

So go make a difference in all that you do

God's endless compassion will carry you through

*Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God.

Thanks be to God!

Liturgy adapted from "Worship Ways", Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ and "Call to Worship", published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in partnership with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

Thank you to our pastor, Mike; thank you to Diane Monti-Catania for reading and to our musicians, Mary Jane Wirsing, Diantha Howard and our Chancel Choir



Teah Bryan, Olivia Cochran, Arlen Corbin, Jaxson Godin, Daisy Ploof, Rose Ploof, Rorie Antonioli, Ryann Antonioli, Elle McGinty, Eve McGinty, Vivian Lyon-Horne, Charlie Dickson, Lilly Dickson

Congratulations to our 2026 Niebling Award Recipient: Jack Tremble



Thank you to our Chancel Choir members:

Sally Krebs, Bonnie Winch, Char Kennedy, Barbara Brown, Jen O'Rourke-Lavoie, Georgine Natelli, Tam Case, Barb Smith, Carol Tremble, Judy Albert, Karen O'Connor, Cathy Rude, Betsy Sangster, Phil Reynolds, Carl Frenning, Bill Kennedy, Mark Kennedy and Choir Director Diantha Howard

Enjoy your summer!

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Announcements

Unable to attend Sunday worship in person? Don't miss out! LIVE on YouTube. <https://tinyurl.com/CCSHLive> The bulletin is posted on our webpage.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments every Sunday following worship.

Summer Music Schedule

June 21st Bell Choir

June 28th Helen Bishop

July 5th Gena Callan

July 12th Jen O'Rourke Lavoie

July 19th Karen McFeeters

July 26th Phil Reynolds



Father's Day June 21st

Missions has committed to matching \$300.00 toward Church World Service's Blankets and Tools Projects. We have inserts available for your own greeting cards, saying you made a donation in their honor. These can be found in the narthex and in the hall.

Welcome Mission Project assists unhoused families in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties moving into residences. Donations for this week: **shower curtain liners and curtain rings**. Leave on the back shelf in the hall.

Village Harmony: Concert July 5th at 3pm with potluck supper following. Mark notes that we need **housing for two people** (one lodging).



Look for sign-up sheets (available beginning the 21st) for the Sunday afternoon potluck and Monday morning breakfast.



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School Sunday, August 9th.

This event is open to everyone, and we invite all ages to participate.

Do you need a nametag? Let an usher know or email the office.