

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



World Communion Sunday October 4, 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...

- ❖ Restrooms and a **changing table** are available down the hall.
- ❖ A **supervised nursery** is available for children ages 5 and under.
- ❖ **Bold type** in the bulletin indicates a response by all.

Gathered as One

Invocation

God of Truth, we acknowledge that we meet you here in this time and place. We gather as a community formed by you, called by your name, and charged for your purpose. We ask you to guide our hearts, minds and souls to know your ways. We place our hope in your abiding love, abundant creation, and awesome works.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“This Is the Day”

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**This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 11:17–34a

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Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

Gathering at God's Table

Holy Communion

Pastor Mike

Today we share a meal together as the body of Christ. During our time of fellowship, we will share together the meal of Holy Communion. In this church all persons who are open to the Holy Spirit, who seek to grow in Christian love, and who choose to serve in the name of Jesus are welcome to participate. Our bread is gluten-free; our cup is grape juice. We receive Holy Communion by intinction. The deacons will bring a plate of bread and a cup of juice to each table. You are invited to serve table Holy Communion to your neighbor at your table with words such as "The bread of life" or "The body of Christ broken for you" for the bread and "The cup of salvation" or "The blood of Christ shed for you" for the cup.

Sent Forth in God's Name

Sending Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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**Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, At his table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express.**

Refrain

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

Refrain

Benediction

Pastor Mike

May the God of the harvest bring forth seeds in you. May every good seed you plant produce fruit. May our fruit nourish and nurture the world. Go, in peace and fruitfulness knowing that the Holy One goes with you; in the name of God: Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Thank you to our pastor, Mike; and to our musician, Mary Jane Wirsing.