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



Rainbow over Food Science shared by Tyler's Coworkers with the message, "This is Tyler looking down on us making sure we are working."

Celebration of Life

Tyler Everett Goodrich

November 15, 2026; 2:00 PM

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 **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.

Gathered as One

Prelude — **Mary Jane Wirsing**

Welcome & Opening Sentences — **Pastor Mike**

Hear the promise of God. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they died, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." And from the apostle Paul, "When we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were baptized into Christ's death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with Christ and shared Christ's death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of God, so too we might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like Christ's, we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like Christ's."

Opening Song — **"Amazing Grace"** — **Chancel Choir**

Greeting — **Pastor Mike**

Friends, we gather here in the protective shelter of God's healing love. We are free to pour out grief, release our anger, face our emptiness, and know that God cares. We gather here as God's people, conscious of others who have died and of the frailty of our own existence on earth. We come to comfort and to support one another in our common loss. We gather to hear God's word of hope that can drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise. We gather to commend to God with thanksgiving the life of Tyler Goodrich as we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection. For whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Prayer

God be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray together:
Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts are not our thoughts, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned, what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

Words of Remembrance

A Quote	Unknown	Read by Pastor Mike
"Remember Me"	Joey Brighley	Read by Nick Lane
Thank You Note from Aunt Tammy & Uncle Chris		Read by Pastor Mike
"Footprints in the Sand"	Anonymous	Read by Nick Lane
Reflections from Sam Latreille		Read by Pastor Mike

Proclaiming God's Word

Song	"Go Rest High on That Mountain"	Vince Gill
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	Pew Bible p 960
Psalm	Psalm 23 (NKJV)	Read by All

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Gospel John 14:1–7 Pew Bible p 877

Response

This is the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Homily Pastor Mike

Time of Thanksgiving

Affirmation of Faith

Let us say again what we believe.
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. O God, our strength and redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts. With faith in your great mercy and wisdom, we entrust Tyler to your eternal care. We praise you for your steadfast love for him all the days of his earthly life. We thank you for all that he was to those who loved him. We thank you that for Tyler death itself is past and that he has entered the home where all your people gather in peace. Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.
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

*Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Tyler Goodrich. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, and a son of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the company of the saints in light.

Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

*Benediction — Pastor Mike

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen

Closing Song — "See You Again" — Charlie Puth

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Mary Jane Wirsing

In Loving Memory of

Tyler Everett Goodrich



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