

Rev. Carrie Orlando is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) and was graduated with her Master of Divinity in 2013 from Ecumenical Theological Seminary. Rev. Carrie has been a lay and ordained minister and trained Spiritual Director for over 40 years with time spent in the Roman Catholic Church, the UCC, and the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). She has served as Pastor and Senior Minister at both First Congregational Church in Wyandotte, MI and First Congregational Church in Royal Oak, MI while also serving on the Linking Board and the Committee on Ministry for the Detroit Metropolitan Association for the UCC. She retired from full-time ministry in 2022 and now serves as she is needed within the UCC. She has a great affinity with Abraham and Sarah who were called to a new land without being told where they were actually traveling. And her favorite scripture is Paul's Analogy of the Body of Christ – all members are needed and important.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *arr. by John Schaffner* Dave Howland
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Carrie Orlando

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
*Congregation: **And also with you.***
Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Hebrews 12:1-2) *(read responsively)* John Webster

Leader: We praise God who made the heavens and earth!
*All: **We praise God who has given us salvation through Jesus Christ.***
Leader: We praise God who calls forth life from stardust and ashes;
*All: **We praise God who has given us eternal life in Jesus Christ.***
Leader: We praise God who made us, and gave us hearts to love;
*All: **We praise God whose love reigns in us because of Jesus Christ.***
Leader: Come, worship our God, who is the creator of all things:
*All: **Worship Christ, the new-born King!***

***GATHERING HYMN** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #125

***INVOCATION** *(in unison)* John Webster

Spirit of Life, as we approach the New Year, help us to live into hope, to anticipate Your coming into our world and live in a new way. May we be ready to see You at work in the world around us and to participate fully in Your reign here on earth as it is in heaven. May we seek to serve You, in all we say and do, as we look forward to this new year with hope, peace, joy, and love as we pray:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(using 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 forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "What Can I Give Him?" #129
SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148 | Page #582 OT John Webster

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
*Congregation: **Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM: "I Wonder As I Wander" *by John Jacob Niles* Stephanie Kanak

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Carrie Orlando

OFFERTORY 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" #119

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2: 41-52 | Page #59 NT Rev. Carrie Orlando

MESSAGE "Who Is This Child?" Rev. Carrie Orlando

***SENDING HYMN** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" #140

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Carrie Orlando

POSTLUDE "I Saw Three Ships" *arr. by Joseph Martin* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Stephanie Kanak | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry
GREETER: Denise Parr | **LITURGIST:** John Webster

We welcome Rev. Carrie Orlando to the pulpit this morning. Please see the back page for more information about Rev. Orlando.