



## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude/Candle Lighting

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
(C. Kocher, arr. K. Rowley)

Oxana Khramova

### Ring of the Bell

#### \*Call to Worship (\*Stand if you are able)

Leader: From the noise and demands of the world,

**All: we come to be made alive in God,**

Leader: to be rooted and built up in Christ,

**All: to be nourished and held together in the Spirit,**

Leader: united in and as Christ's body,

**All: abounding in gratitude and love.**

#### \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of love, you have promised to be with us always, and that your Spirit will live within and among us. We open our hearts to be mindful of your presence, to listen for your Word, and to allow you to lead us by your grace. Come and fill us, Spirit of love. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

attached

## Baptism of Bodie James Halama

### Congregational Promise

Pastor: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to Bodie as he lives and grows in his relationship with God?

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

### Congregational Proclamation and Welcome

Pastor: Please join me in the congregational proclamation & welcome.

**All: Bodie, you have been baptized into Jesus Christ; you are a child of God; you have put on Christ. In Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for we are all one.**

**Bodie, we welcome you joyfully as a member of God's family. We offer ourselves as your extended family in this place, to love and encourage you as you grow in faith. We promise to honor your acts of commitment and witness; to defend you in your pursuit of truth; to join you in your struggle to accept the costs and joys of discipleship. We promise to support your parents and sponsors in the vows which they have made. We give them, and you, our love and support, today and always.**

**Readings**

Jon Blomquist

Acts 16:9-15

John 5:1-9

On Essay on "Light" by Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

**Anthem**

"A Time for All Things"  
(Douglas E. Wagner)

Chancel Choir

**Sermon**

"Holy Imagination: Sabbath"

Pastor René Mehlberg

**Transitional Music**

"Come Father-Mother, Friend and Guide"

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**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

**Offertory**

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
(H. Hassler, arr. M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

**Gracious God, stir up a spirit of gratitude in our hearts, that we may respond in faith. We give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will, for the love of all people. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Every Morning is Easter Morning"

attached

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Benediction (unison)**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## Postlude

"For All the Saints"  
(R. V. Williams, arr. M. Hayes)

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*The flowers today are in celebration of Ron Welsch's 69th birthday, which is today, May 25th, from his wife Naomi Cummings.*

## Credits

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## This Week

**Monday, May 26:** Office is closed for Memorial Day observation.

**Link to the full church calendar:** <https://www.menomonieucc.org/monthlycalendar>

## Mission Statement of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Menomonie, WI

We are called together:

To celebrate God's presence.

To help each person to grow in his or her relationship with God;

To create a welcoming and supportive community of all God's people, affirming the diversity of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, and identity, social and economic status, and the differently abled;

To observe and share life's passages and our faith traditions;

To reach out in love seeking justice and peace;

And to tell the old story of Jesus and His love.

## Land Acknowledgement

Here we congregate on Ojibwe, Dakota, Menominee, Potawatomi, and Ho Chunk land. Generations of Indigenous people occupied and provided careful stewardship of this land long before Europeans arrived on these shores. The traumatic dispossession of this land by European immigrants and the displacement of countless individuals produced collective suffering that has repercussions for our Indigenous neighbors today. The original inhabitants of this land—known to some Indigenous peoples as Turtle Island—took seriously the Creator's call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creatures. With gratitude, we acknowledge the lessons we continue to learn from our Indigenous neighbors as we seek to be good stewards and pray for guidance in learning how to make reparations.

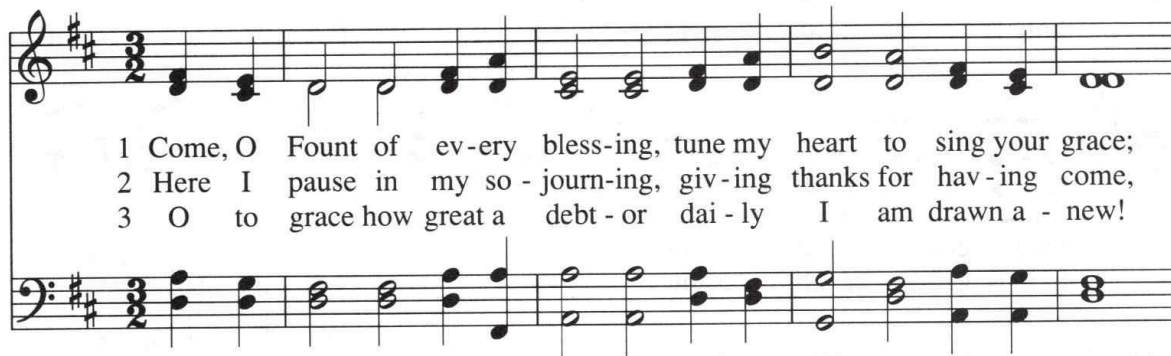
## ONA Covenant

We covenant as a congregation to welcome, celebrate, and include lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people and their families into the full life of our church. We take this stance publicly and proudly, knowing that silence is inadequate to confront the violent theology that is widespread throughout the Christian church. We covenant to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people and their families with our prayers, words, and actions.

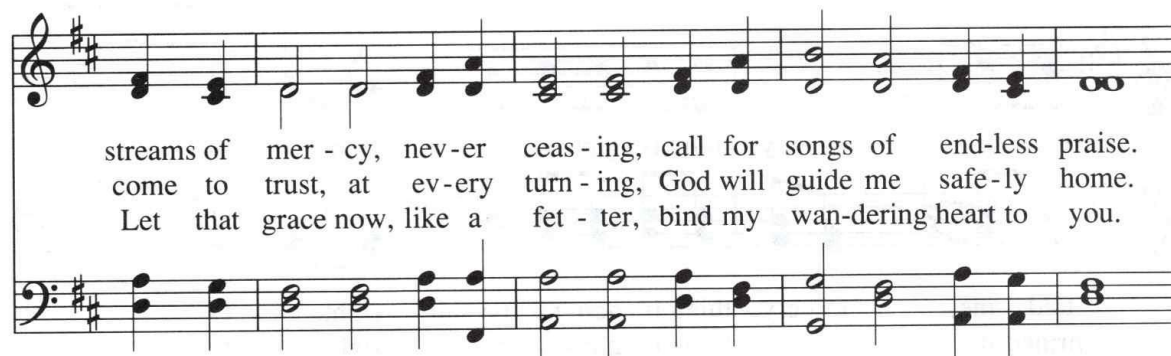
## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

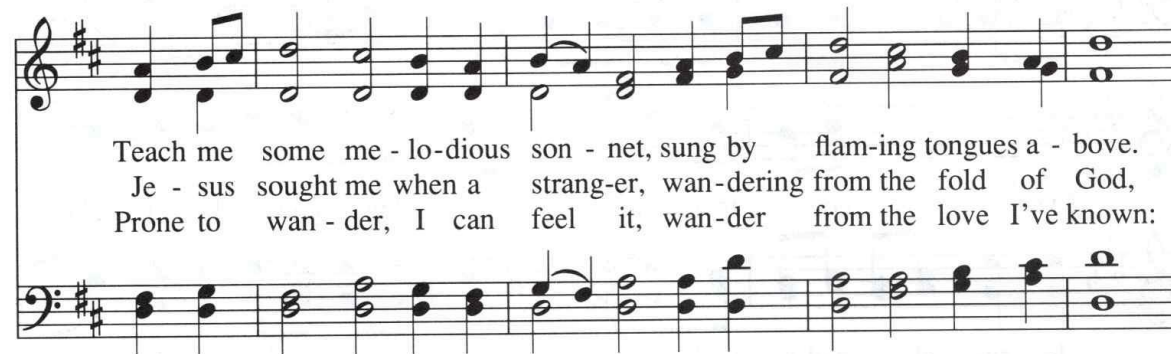
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



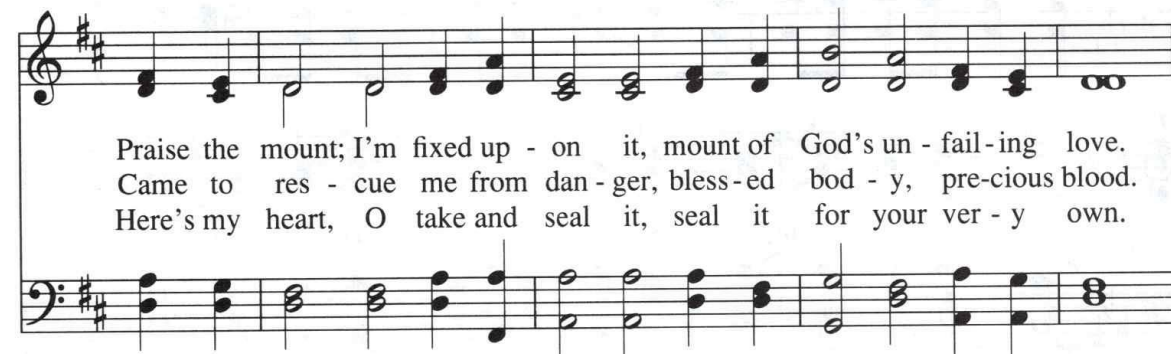
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.  
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

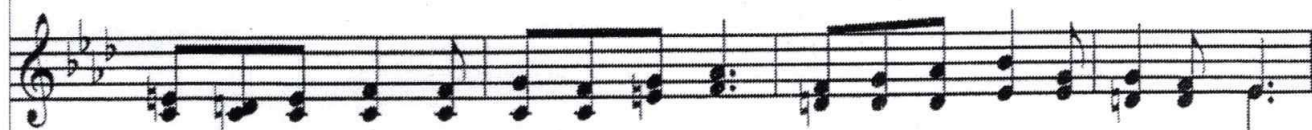
Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813



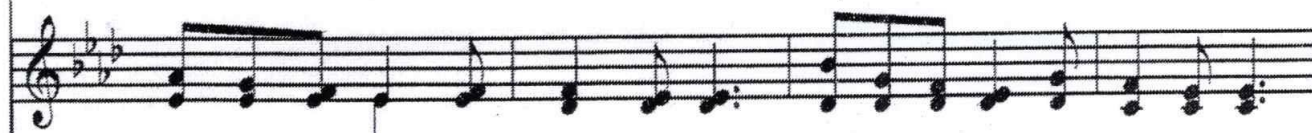
## Come Father-Mother, Friend and Guide



1. Come, Fa - ther - Moth - er, Friend and Guide; Giv - er of Life, with us a - bide.
2. Bread of new Life, our strength each day, Light of the World, show us the way;
3. Come, Broth - er - Sis - ter Spir - it wise; Join - ing with you our dreams a - rise.



O - pen our minds to all you pro-claim, O Ho - ly One of man - y names.  
 Rock of all a - ges on whom we stand, Give us fresh hope in wea - ry lands.  
 Made in your im - age, we can be free, Grow - ing to be all we can be.



Come with your heal - ing streams of Love, Mov - ing with - in us and a - bove;



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav - enly Dove, Pow - er Di - vine.



# 126 Every Morning Is Easter Morning

*Unison*

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur-rec-tion day, the past is o-ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel-lo, Lord, hel-lo, sun!  
2 Dai-ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel-dom gets heard.  
3 Yes-ter-day I was bored and lone-ly; but to-day look and see!

*D.C.*  
I am one of the Eas-ter Peo-ple! My new life has be-gun!  
Get it straight from the Eas-ter Peo-ple! God's in charge spread the word!  
I be-long to the Eas-ter Peo-ple! Life's ex-cit-ing to me!(to Coda)

CODA

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