



# WELCOME to WORSHIP

First Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

**“Holy Welcome”**

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 28, 2026

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude/Candle Lighting**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”      Oxana Khramova  
(arr. M. Hayes)

## Ringling of the Bell

**\*Call to Worship** (\*Stand as you are able)

One: Christ says, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.”

**All: God you welcome us into your loving presence and offer us grace.**

One: A cup of cold water.

**All: God, in our need you give gifts to us. In many hidden ways you bless us.**

One: A cup of cold water given to these, my little ones.

**All: In our thirst for your grace, refresh us once again.**

One: A cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple.

**All: We drink of your grace; we rest in your presence; we worship you in humble gratitude. Make of us your faithful disciples, in the name and the Spirit of Christ.  
Amen.**

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

**God of love, you walk with us each moment. Speak to us now, in scripture, in thoughts,  
in imagination, in silence. Open our eyes and ears to your wisdom. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      “Morning Has Broken”      Hymnal #469

**Readings**      Dawn Ascher

Psalm 13; Matthew 10:4-42

Contemporary Reading: testimony from Lalo M. with “No More Deaths”

**Special Music**      “Swarm of Fish”      Lilah Barneson, Dean Langby  
(Frederic Bernard, arr. Lilah Barneson)

**Sermon**      “Holy Welcome”      Pastor René Mehlberg

**Transitional Hymn**      “O for a World”      Hymnal #386

**Prayers of the People**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, 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

**"Reflection"**  
(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)

**Generous God, we share our gifts like tiny seeds from a dandelion. Send out these gifts on the mighty wind of your Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit, and nourishing our neighbors. May each gift bloom with your holy imagination. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn

**"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

Hymnal #411

## \*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

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**  
(arr. M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

*The flowers today are from Sherry and Larry Galetka in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 30th. Congratulations Sherry and Larry!*

## Credits

- Garnaas-Holmes, Steve. "Worship Resources – Unfolding Light." Unfolding Light – Daily Reflections and Worship Resources. Accessed June 23, 2026. <https://unfoldinglight.net/2023/02/01/ot-13-2/>.
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## This Week

**Tuesday, June 30: 10am** Women in Good Company, R1; **5pm** Planned Giving, R1; **6pm** CE Committee, R1

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

# Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931


Gaelic melody  
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C



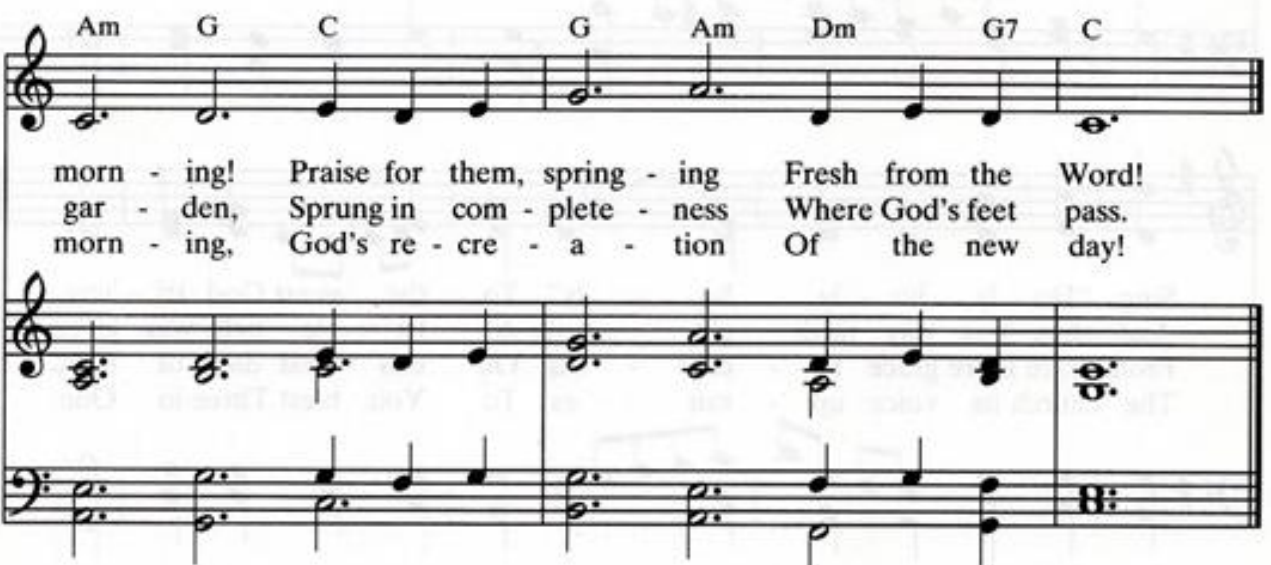
1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

# O for a World

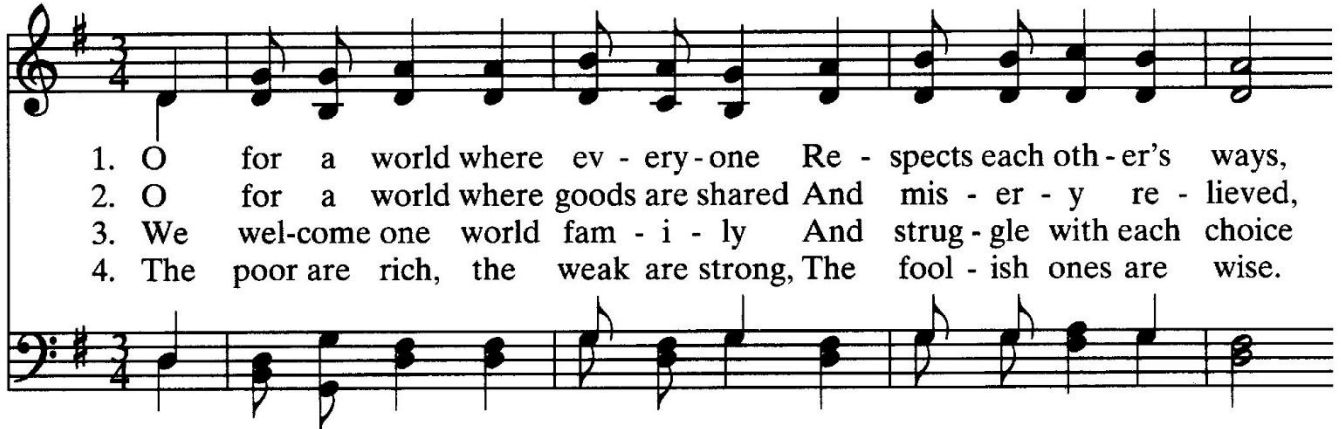
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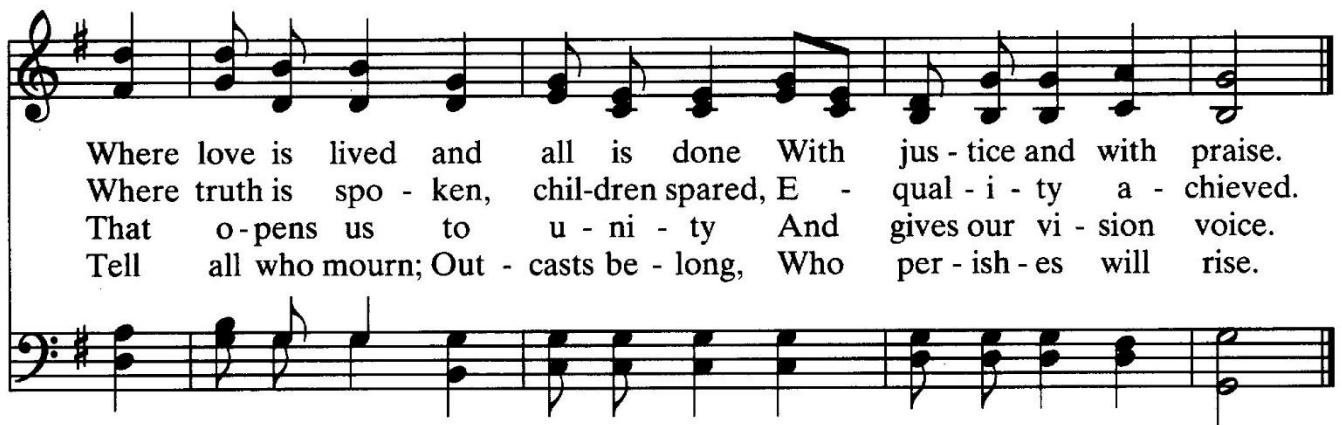
Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice  
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more,  
And all but love will cease.

Alternate version, 466

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# Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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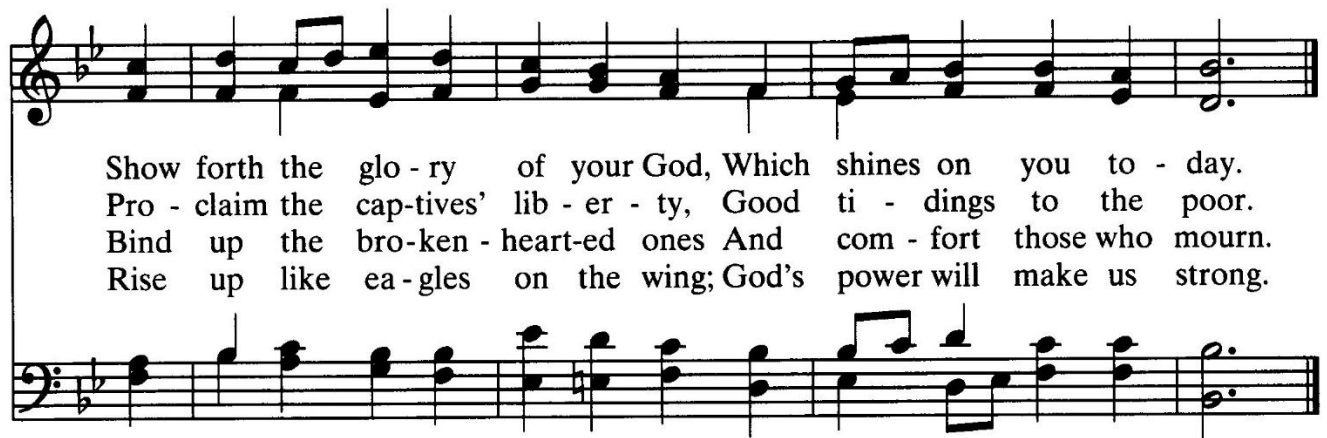
FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.  
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.  
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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