



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Resting in God's Arms"
(M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

Ring of the Bell

***Call to Worship** (*Rise in body, mind, or spirit)

One: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. And God called them good.

All: Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

One: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple, and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

All: Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

One: Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

All: Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Almighty and ever living God, thank you for your love of all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. We offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy: the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Hymnal #267

Readings

Naomi Cummings

Psalm 65: 5-13; Ezekiel 47:9-12; Contemporary Reading is an excerpt from "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Anthem

"Peace Is Flowing Like a River"
(arr. Julie Gaulke)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Season of Creation: Living Water"

Pastor René Mehlberg

Transitional Hymn

“Deep River”

SoF #34

Prayers of the People

Offertory

“Yearning”
(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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Leader: Please join me in the words of institution over the bread:

People: When he was among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.”

Servers will pass this gluten free bread among you. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone is served. We will eat the bread together, as a symbol of our unity, a world-wide Christian community.

Distribution Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymnal #513

Leader: Please join me in the words of institution over the wine:

People: In the same way, Jesus took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my life and my death. Take this-all of you-to remember me.”

Servers will pass the juice and wine among you. The juice is dark red; the wine is white. Drink the cup as soon as you have been served in recognition of your individual relationship to God.

Distribution Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

SoF #82

***Prayer of Gratitude** (in unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded. Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Canticle of the Sun"

SoF #19

***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

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
(arr. M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

The flowers are from Kathy Colvin to celebrate her grandson Benjamin Ellingson's 18th birthday on 9/9.

Credits

- Liturgy pieces from "Living Water: Season of Creation." Season of Creation. Accessed August 30, 2026. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.
- Kimmerer, Robin Wall. Braiding sweetgrass: Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teachings of plants. Canada: Milkweed Editions, 2013.
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This Week

Monday, September 7: Labor Day, office is closed

Wednesday, September 9: 5:30pm Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir

Thursday, September 10: 10am Mission for Peace and Justice, R1; **4:30pm** Property Committee, R1; **6pm** Church Council, R1

Sunday, September 13, 10:00am Rally Around Sunday (**No early service**)

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 their 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 disability;

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.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

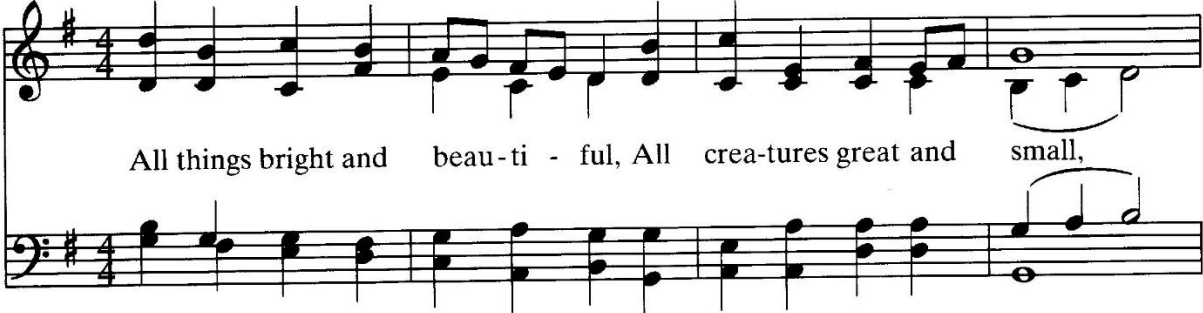
English melody, 17th century

Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Refrain

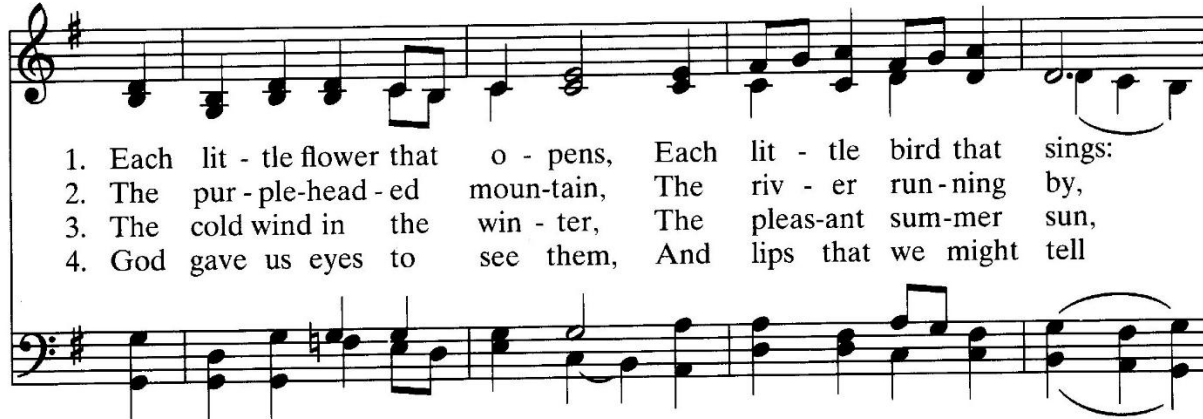


All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

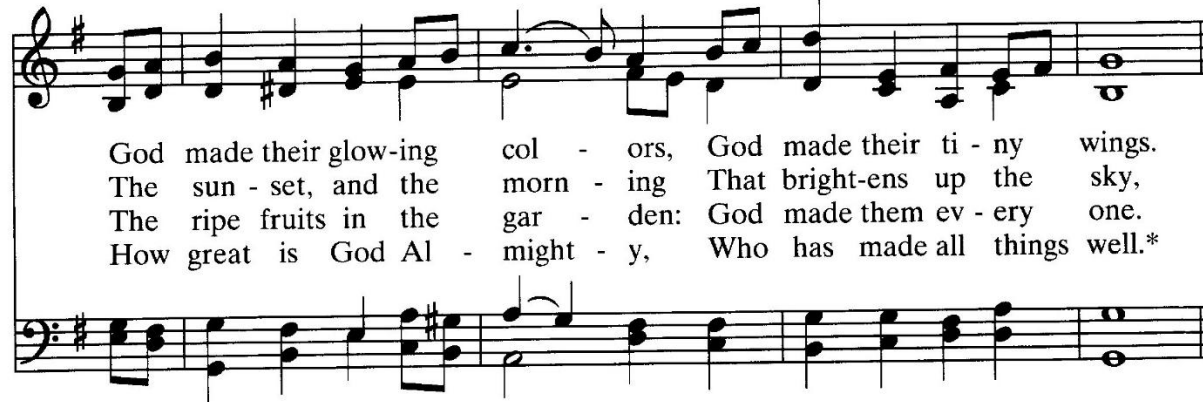
Fine



All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

**Repeat Refrain.*

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Deep River

Deep riv - er, my home is o - ver Jor - dan.

The first system of the musical score for 'Deep River'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp-ground.

The second system of the musical score. The melody continues from the first system, with a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gos - pel feast, that

The third system of the musical score. The melody continues with a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

prom - ised land where all is peace? Oh,

The fourth system of the musical score. The melody continues with a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp-ground.

The fifth system of the musical score. The melody continues with a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

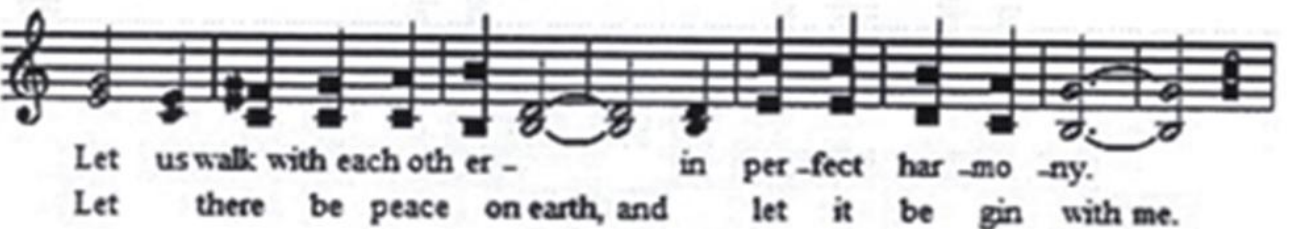
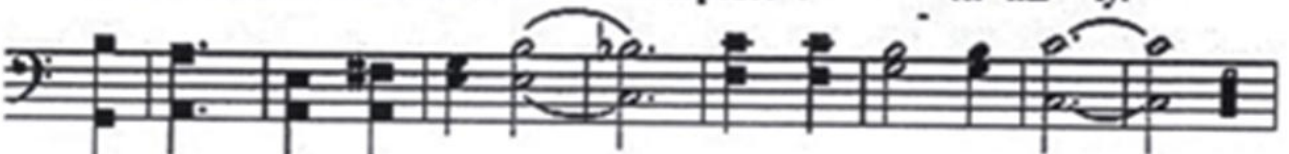
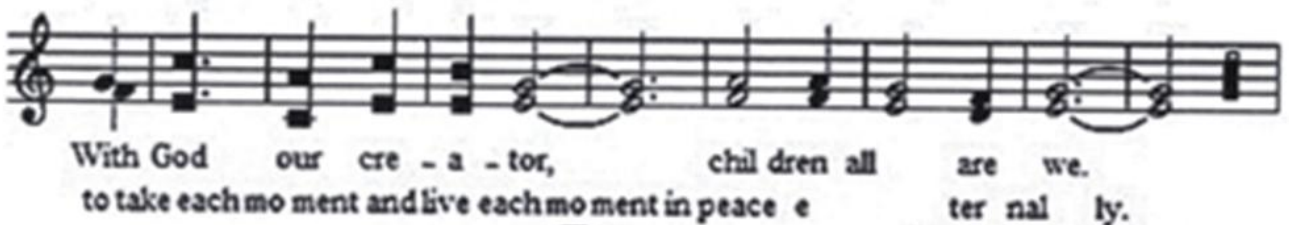
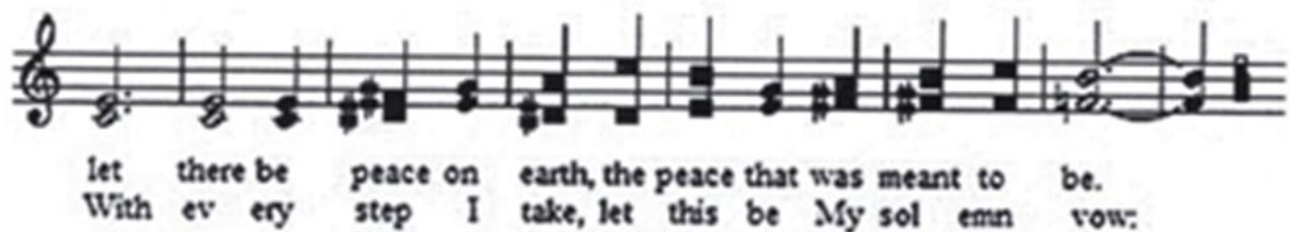
Refrain
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

The third system of music is marked 'Refrain'. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

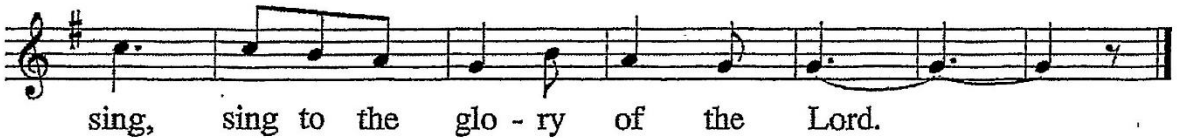
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Let There Be Peace on Earth



Canticle of the Sun



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of



light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
 storms, / the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
 crops / so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
 sun / to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
 made / to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
 loss / that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - ' to your throne.
 blow where they please To please the Lord.
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
 spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
 help us to know The heart of love.
 pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.