

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting "All Glory Be to God on High" Oxana Khramova
(arr. F.W. Zachau)

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship** (*rise in body, mind, or spirit)
One: We gather in your presence, God,
All: **In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**
One: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
All: **And you know by intimate experience what human life is like.**
One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
All: **We come with our hopes and with our fears.**
One: We come as we are, because you have invited us;
All: **And you have promised never to turn us away.**

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)
Loving God, you gather us here, where many have come before seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us, God: you understand who we are, you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes us smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. In our time of need may Jesus' words be a comfort to us: "Don't be afraid", "I love you", "I will be with you always." Amen.

Opening Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Hymnal #564

Readings Susan Hall
Psalm 1:1-3, John 15:12-13
Contemporary Reading, "A Healthy Patriotism" by The Rev. Yehiel Curry

Special Music "How Great Thou Art" Shannon Zwiefelhofer

Message Honoring Veterans Greg Quinn
Dunn County Veterans Service Officer

Transitional Hymn "God Teach Us Peacemaking" SoF #50

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.

Speaker "Together for Tomorrow" Agnes Welsch

Offertory "Blessed Be Your Name" Oxana Khramova
(Matt and Beth Redman, arr. Ph. Keveren)

***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)

Living and true God, we return to you the things that are yours – our time, our skills, our possessions, ourselves. Bless us and these your gifts. Move us to works of faith and labors of love for the good of all people and the wholeness of all creations. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Lead On Eternal Sovereign" 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Oxana Khramova
(arr. M. Hayes)

The flowers today are from Renee Howarton in honor of her sister, Roxanne, and to all sisters who provide loving support.

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This Week

Tuesday, November 10: **5:30pm** Christian Education Committee, R1

Wednesday, November 12: **9:30am** Tour of Homes crafts, R1; **4pm** Kid's Club, R2; **5:30pm** Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir; **7pm** Dance Practice, FH

Thursday, November 12: **10am** Mission for Peace and Justice, R1; **6pm** Church Council, R1

Saturday, November 14, 10am Video Presentation *A Conversation with Robin Kimmerer*, FH

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.

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.

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1893 — Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882



*Or "servanthood."

God Teach Us Peacemaking



1. God teach us peace–mak – ing, jus – tice and love.
2. God teach us peace–mak – ing, in church and home.
3. God teach us peace–mak – ing, in eve - ry role.
4. God teach us peace–mak – ing, un - to the end.



Blessed by Christ's teach - ing we're lift – ed a - bove
In school and hall, be - neath Cap – i - tol dome;
In each re – la – tion – ship make peace our goal.
Parent or child, or _____ as stranger or friend.



All thoughts of ven – gence or en – vy or hate ____
In shop and in - dus - try, ci - ty and farm ___
Yet give us in - si - ght that keeps us aware__
Fill all our hearts with the po - wer of shalom__



Help us, your child - ren sha - lom to cre - ate.
Show us the path-ways that cause no one harm.
Jus - tice and mer - cy in bal - ance to share.
Liv - ing to - ge - th - er, the whole world our home.

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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.



At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836