



<b>Sermon</b>	“The Work of the Imagination: Disruptive Blessings”	Pastor René Mehlberg
<b>Transitional Hymn</b>	“Guide My Feet”	Hymnal #354
<b>Ministry Moment</b>	“There Your Heart Will Be”	Christian Education
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	“Jesus Paid It All” (J. Grape, 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.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

Now we set aside the common for an uncommon purpose as we prepare for Holy Communion, the family meal of Christ’s people. In this meal, we remember the life, teaching, witness, and death of Jesus. We celebrate his continued life among us. We remind one another that we are called to participate in Jesus’ Way of extravagant welcome and service. Come prepared to be blessed. Come because God has food for you. Come because Jesus invites you...just as you are.

**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**

“The Trees of the Field/Go Out with Joy”

SoF #136

**\*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**

“Grateful”  
(M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

*The flowers today are in celebration of Pastor Rene’s first anniversary with us. We thank you for your wonderful leadership and talents you share with our church and congregation.*

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**This Week**

**Sunday, March 1: 11:30am** Potluck, **12:15pm** Music Committee

**Tuesday, March 3, 5:30pm:** Mission for Peace and Justice, R1

**Wednesday, March 4: 4pm** Kid’s Club, **5:30pm** Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir; **7pm** Dance practice

**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

# Siyahamba/We are marching

Additional verses: dancing, singing, praying

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar-ching in the light of God

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar-ching in the light of the

light of God. We are mar-ching mar-ching we are mar-ching mar-ching we are

mar-ching in the light of the light of God. We are mar-ching mar-ching we are

mar-ching mar-ching we are mar-ching in the light of God.

# Guide My Feet

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GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10

African-American spiritual

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Harm. Wendell Whalum (1932–1987)

1. Guide my feet  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,  
3. Stand by me  
4. I'm Your child

yes, my Lord!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The vocal line includes four numbered options for the lyrics. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Stand by me  
I'm Your child

yes, my Lord!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, with the same four numbered options for the lyrics.

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I  
Stand by me  
I'm Your child

The third system introduces the phrase "For I" at the end of the line, with the same four numbered options for the lyrics.

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The fourth system concludes the piece with the phrase "don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)".

5. Search my heart . . .

6. Guide my feet . . .

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# Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain African-American spiritual

Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

African-American spiritual

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;)

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.)

*Refrain*

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

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

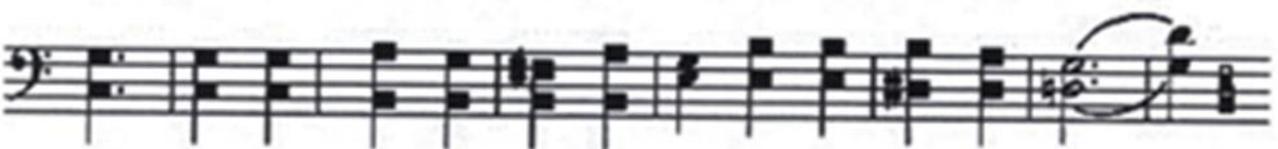
## Let There Be Peace on Earth



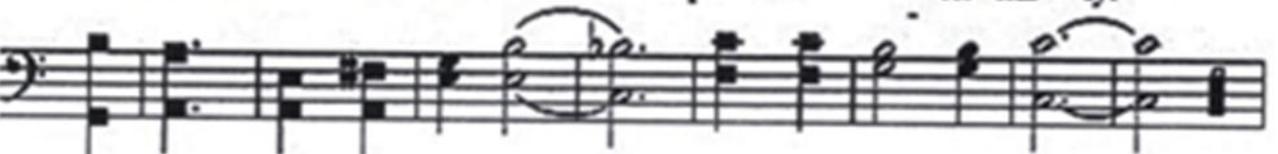
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be gin with me;  
Let peace be gin with me; let this be the mo ment now.



let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With ev ery step I take, let this be My sol emn vow:



With God our cre - a - tor, chil dren all are we.  
to take each mo ment and live each mo ment in peace e ter nal ly.



Let us walk with each oth er - in per -fect har -mo -ny.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be gin with me.



# The Trees of the Field/Go Out with Joy

*Unison*      Em      B7      Em      B7      Em      D7/F#

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

G      C/G      G      D/F#      D      B/D#      N.C.      Em      B7      Em

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be shouts of joy,

B7      Em      B/F#      F#m      Em/G      B7      Em

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C.      G      C/G      G      D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the

D7      G      D7      G      C/G      G

trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will

D      B/F#      F#m      Em/B      B7      Em

clap their hands while you go out with joy.