



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Be Thou My Vision"
(arr. C. Tornquist)

Oxana Khramova

Ringling of the Bell

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

Leader: God created all bodies as sacred,

All: even as we struggle to understand and accept our bodies, other's bodies.

Leader: Open our eyes to see the sacred in one another, as we are kin;

All: and to stand in solidarity with those in need, as Jesus did.

Leader: Creator, help us remember:

All: I am a human being. I am always arriving.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

God of creation and relationship, you embodied human form and know the realities we face in the flesh. To look into the eyes of those whose bodies did not always function well. To touch and be touched by those others would not be. To stand in embodied solidarity with those most in need. May Your Spirit be upon us to continue this most important work still in front of us today. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"You Are Welcome Here"

SoF #162

Readings

Acts 2:1-13

"The Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to their Younger Selves" by Eileen Myles

Leah Langby

Special Music

"Brave"
(S. Bareilles)

Richie Price

Sermon

"Solidarity and Embodiment as Resistance" Pastor René Mehlberg

Transitional Music

"Spirit"

Hymnal #319

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

"True Colors"
(C. Lauper, arr. Ph. Collins)

Richie Price

*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, we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Anoint us with your Spirit, give us the language of grace, and send us into the world aflame with your love, for the sake of blessing your world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"O for a World"

Hymnal #386

*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

"Because He Lives, Amen"
(W. Gaither et al., arr. Ph. Keveren)

Oxana Khramova

The flowers today are in celebration of John Wesolek's 80th birthday on June 9th from his wife, Deb. Please join us In the Fellowship Hall after church for cake and coffee and help John celebrate this special day!

Credits

- Call to Worship and Opening Prayer adapted from Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day by Kaitlin B. Curtice, Grand Rapids, MI; Brazos Press 2023.
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This Week

Sunday, June 8, 1-4pm: Pride Picnic at Wilson Park

Tuesday, June 10, 11am-1pm: Thursday's Table Fundraising meeting, Room R1

Thursday, June 12, 10am: Mission Committee meeting, Room 1

Friday, June 13, 10am: Refugia Circle, Room 1

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.

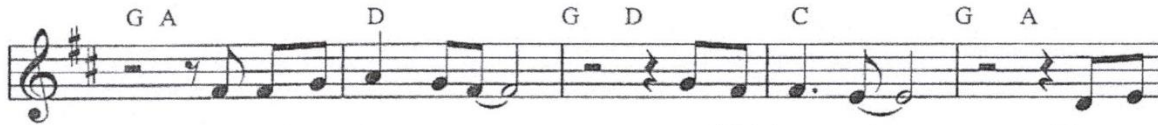
ONA Covenant

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.

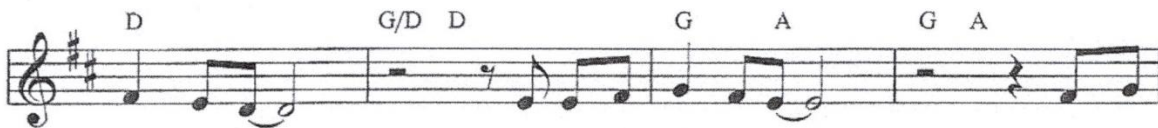
You Are Welcome Here



You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,



no mat-ter where you are. on life's jour - ney. You are



wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and



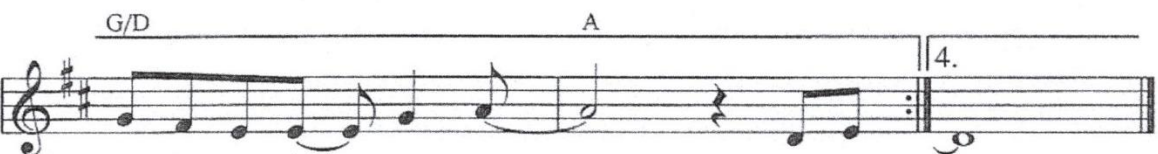
join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.



1. Come now all peo - ple; join in the song, come be a part of the fam-
2. We pray for jus - tice; we pray for peace; we hear the word of the Sav-
3. Lift - ing each oth - er; do - ing what's right; stand - ing to - geth - er, what - ev -



- 'ly of God. We are God's peo - ple and you be - long,
 - ior of all. We find God's mer - cy; we find re - lease,
 - er may come; prais - ing our Sav - ior, shin - ing our light,



share in the joy of Christ. You are
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are
 shar - ing the joy of Christ. You are

James K. Manley, 1975

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Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, Blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id-ness, Wind,



wind on the sea.



1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient



deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
 sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
 hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the
 schemes, From the bond - age of sor - row The

E A D G

val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -
 law and a land, And when they were blind -
 whole world was still, And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons You called to each thing, "A -
 ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
 y You called once a - gain When You
 sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers And
 spoke through Your proph - ets To
 blew through Your peo - ple On the
 bold new de - ci - sions Your

A D G/A D A D.C. al Fine

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

O for a World

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Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are as follows:

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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