

**“Doubt”**



**WELCOME  
to WORSHIP**

**First Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
Menomonie, Wisconsin**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026**

**First Congregation UCC Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 27 after service, Pot luck to follow**

\*Vote in the new council, and express your appreciation to the outgoing council members.

\*Approve the 2026-27 budget.

\*Approve the bylaw change (removing the Northwest Association language).

\*Other news.

A quorum is needed, so please come!

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude/Candle Lighting**

**“Chorale”**

**Oxana Khramova**

(David Lasky)

## **Ring of the Bell**

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

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Living Christ, victor over death, grant us your infinite life.

**All: Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.**

One: Living Christ, whose forgiveness conquers all, bless us.

**All: Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.**

One: Living Christ, whose love defeats fear, grant us your courage.

**All: Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.**

One: Living Christ, whose Spirit empowers us to love, give us yourself.

**All: Risen Christ, breathe your life into us.**

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

**Gracious God, Thomas wanted to see proof of Christ’s rising. We, too, want to touch and feel your presence. We want to hear your Living Word. Come to us, speak to us, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we ourselves may be living signs of resurrection. We pray in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

**“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”**

**Hymnal #399**

**Readings**

**Kim Blomquist**

Psalm 16

John 20:19-29

Contemporary Reading: “The Prayer of Thomas” by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**Special Music** "Three Irish reels: Carsten Poss  
The Musical Priest, Morning Dew, The Banshee" and Dean Langby

**Sermon** "Doubt" Pastor René Mehlberg

**Transitional Hymn** "In the Bulb There is a Flower" SoF #67

**New Member Covenant & Affirmation of Covenant**

**We welcome you with joy! As partners in the common life of this congregation, we pledge to you our friendship and prayers as we grow together in God's transforming love. We give thanks that you join us now, as fellow seekers and servants!**

**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** "Golden Anniversary Waltz" Carsten Poss  
and Dean Langby

**\*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 grace and love. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** "I danced in the Morning" Hymnal #302

**\*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** "Ostinato" Oxana Khramova  
(David Lasky)

*The flowers today are from Doris Win in celebration of her granddaughter, Caroline's, 12th birthday on April 7th. Happy Birthday Caroline!*

## Credits

- Call to Worship and Opening by Garnaas-Holmes , Steve. 2nd Sunday of Easter – Unfolding Light, January 2, 2023.  
<https://unfoldinglight.net/2023/01/02/2nd-sunday-of-easter/>.
- “The prayer of Thomas,” Garnaas-Holmes , Steve. Unfolding Light – Daily Reflections and Worship Resources, April 6, 2026.  
<https://unfoldinglight.net/>.
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## This Week

**Monday, April 13, 10am:** Care Ministries, R1

**Tuesday, April 14: 10am** Thursday’s Table meeting R1; **4pm:** Executive Committee, R1

**Wednesday, April 15: 4pm** Kid’s Club; **5:30pm;** Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir, **7pm**  
Dance practice

**Friday, April 17, 9am:** Artz Girlz at Jill Schwebs

**Sunday, April 19, 1:30pm:** Arts Festival. Music Performances at **2pm.**

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

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

## In the bulb there is a flower

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Unison

F Gm/F

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er, in the seed, an ap - ple tree,  
 2. There's a song in eve - ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning, in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C7/F F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in eve - ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing, in our life, e - ter - ni - ty,

F7 Bb (Gm6) F/A Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion, at the last, a vic - to - ry,

/C Bb Gm6 F/C Dm Gm 7 C 7 Fsus4-3

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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## I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS Irregular with refrain

American Shaker melody  
Harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

Sydney Carter, 1963

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the  
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I  
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the  
 5. They cut Me down and I

world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the  
 Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they  
 cured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple  
 sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the  
 leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I  
 would not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
 said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
 dev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they  
 nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.  
 James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.  
 hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.  
 thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on.  
 live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

*Refrain*

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.