



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Menuet D-Dur"
(G.F. Handel)

Oxana Khramova

Ringling of the Bell

*Smudging

Sage will be burned during the Four Directions Prayer. Smudging is a ceremony to purify our hearts and minds.

*Honoring the Four Directions, Calling the Holy Spirit

We turn our bodies to the Four Directions as we pray; begin by turning toward the East and continue to turn, with each prayer, in a clockwise direction. When you are prompted at the end of each direction's prayer with, "We Pray," respond in unison with "**Come Holy Spirit, Come.**"

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

Leader: In the darkness, in the valley of shadow, we can feel isolated and afraid.

All: But once we have the light of hope, we begin to see just how many people share in our struggle.

Leader: The first step toward community is recognizing our common humanity.

All: Instead of seeing strangers in the dark, we recognize fellow climbers in the light.

Leader: Celebrating what we hope for together is better than fighting over what we believe separately.

All: Amen.

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

The roots of fear run deep. The hope we embrace must run just as deep. No matter what happens we must keep dancing, hand in hand, joined in a circle of equality, constantly moving in the slow rotation of justice and prayer. Like Wovoka's Ghost Dancers, we must be dedicated to a vision and willing to dance for it for as long as it takes. Not magic, but hope and faith is what will see us through.

Hymnal #271

Meditation on Hope and Courage by Steven Charleston

Susan Trotter

Pastor René Mehlberg

SoF #96

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.

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*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)**

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. We give back to you to help the lost, the hungry, the hurting, the forsaken. Guide us in stewarding these gifts for all your creation and your children to experience care, connection, community, and love. Amen.

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.**

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*The flowers today are from Lisa and April Cody in celebration of their 1st wedding anniversary on Oct. 11th.
Congratulations Lisa and April!*

Credits

- Honoring the Four Spirits, Calling the Holy Spirit is adapted from the Indigenous People's Liturgical Celebration, Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA. 2024.
- <https://www.glsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Native-American-Sunday-2024-Final.pdf>
- The Call to Worship and second contemporary reading are from Steven Charleston's Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage. Minneapolis, Broadleaf Books, 2023.
- The Opening Prayer is from Steven Charleston's We Survived the End of the World: Lessons from Native America on Apocalypse and Hope. . Minneapolis, Broadleaf Books, 2021.
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This Week

Tuesday, October 14, 4pm: Executive Committee, R1

Wednesday, October 15: 10:30am Tour of Homes; 12:30pm Women's Fellowship, FH

Wednesday, October 15: 4pm Kid's Club; 5:30pm Chancel Choir; 6:30pm Bell Choir

Thursday, October 16, 9am-12pm: Tour of Homes crafts, R1

Saturday, October 18, 4pm: Oxana's piano recital, light reception to follow

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.

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things 271

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Dakota hymn

Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Trans. F. Philip Frazier, 1953 (Sioux)

Native American melody (Dakota)

Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Harm. J. R. Murray, 1877



1. Man - y and great, O God, are Thy things, Mak - er of
2. Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with Thee, Thou star - a -




earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heav-ens with stars,
bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:




Thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Thy
With Thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with



word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey Thy voice.
life that has no end, E - ter - nal life with Thee.

Optional hand drum or tom-tom: 

 = 76-80

O Great Spirit

Native American melody

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1. O Great Spi-rit, earth, sun, sky and sea, you are with-
2. O Great Spi-rit, dawn be-fore the day, stir us with-

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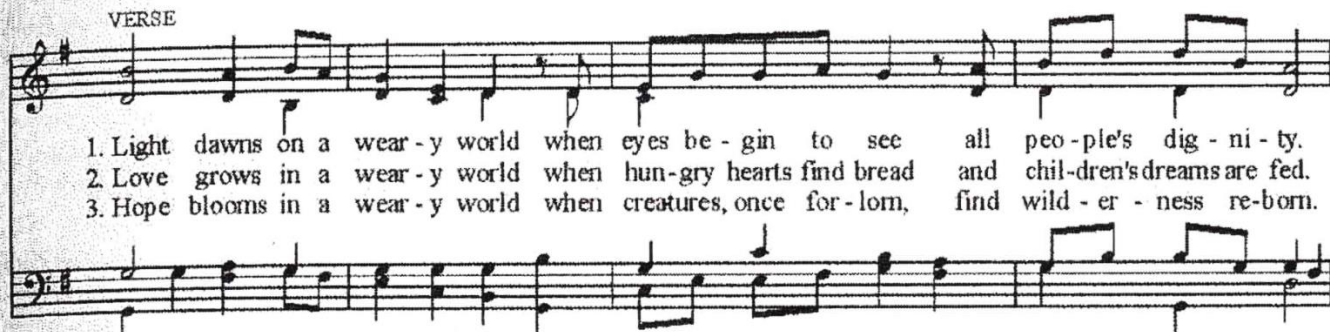
in in and to al hear a-round me.
in in to hear you as we pray.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

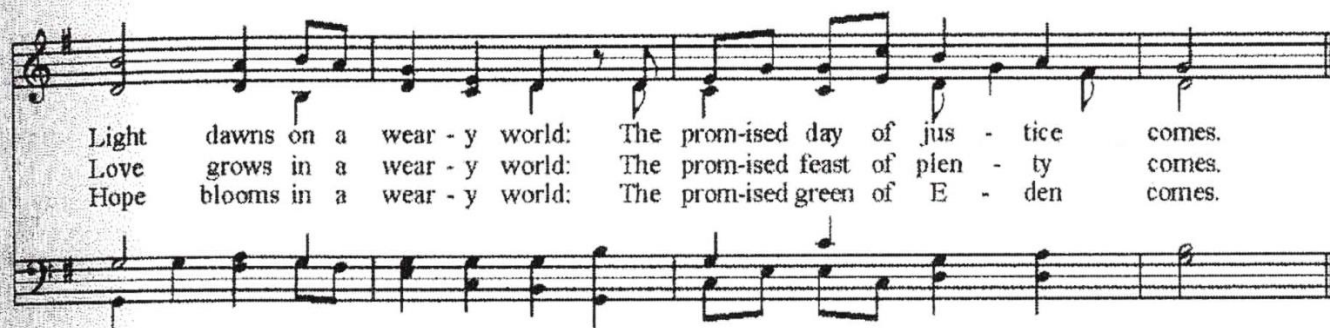
Words: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, 7 12 7 8 with refrain; William P. Rowan, 2001

VERSE




1. Light dawns on a wear-y world when eyes be-gin to see all peo-ple's dig-ni-ty.
2. Love grows in a wear-y world when hun-gry hearts find bread and chil-dren's dreams are fed.
3. Hope blooms in a wear-y world when creatures, once for-lorn, find wild-er-ness re-born.

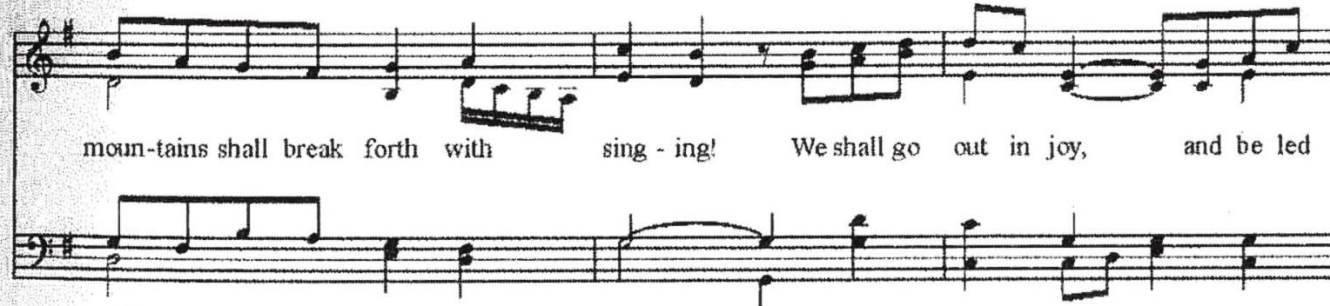


Light dawns on a wear-y world: The prom-ised day of jus-tice comes.
Love grows in a wear-y world: The prom-ised feast of plen-ty comes.
Hope blooms in a wear-y world: The prom-ised green of E-den comes.

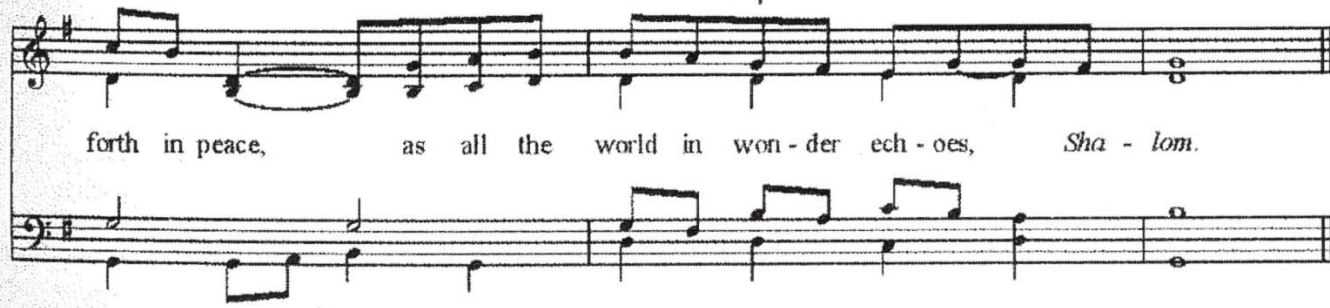
REFRAIN



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and



moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing! We shall go out in joy, and be led



forth in peace, as all the world in won-der ech-oes, Sha-lom.

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