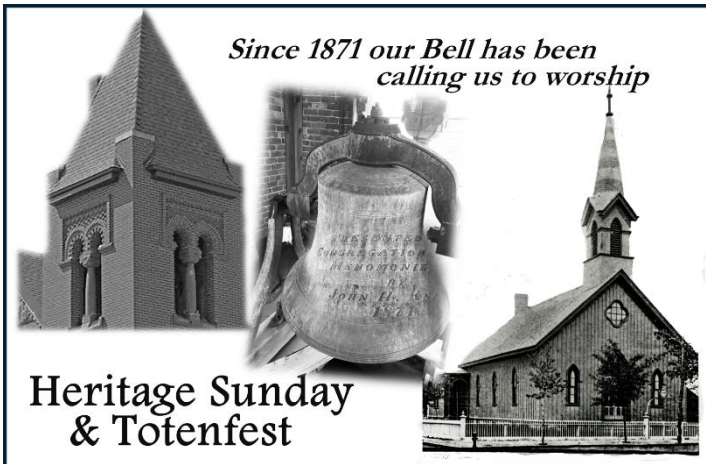



# Welcome to Worship

## First Congregational United Church of Christ

420 Wilson Avenue
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2026

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude/Candle Lighting** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest: *We Welcome Guests Invited*" (Johann Steurlein, arr. Cathy Moklebust) Bell Choir

**Ringing of the Bell**

***Call to Worship** (*rise in body, mind, or spirit)

One: We are here because of the lives of our ancestors.
**All**: **We give thanks for their lives and the legacy.**
One: Our history and heritage is often complex, with twists and turns, knotty family trees; opportunities for empathy, grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
**All**: **We are all part of God's expansive, inclusive mosaic of family.**
One: Today we reflect on the past as we live in the present,
**All**: **and to do our part for an even better tomorrow for all!**

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow; we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses and many living saints around us. Continue to guide us as you have your faithful since the beginning. Provoke us to love and good deeds for all today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" Hymnal #555

**Readings** Sally Conklin
Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-18, 27

**Anthem** "Good Night, Dear Heart" (Dan Forrest) Chancel Choir

**Message** "Run with Generosity" Rev. Andrew Warner

**Transitional Hymn** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Hymnal #364

**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" Jeanne Rothaupt

**Offertory** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Oxana Khramova
(arr. M. Hayes)

***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)

**Loving and grace giving God, thank you for the gifts we have that we then share with others. May the gifts given and gathered, be blessed and scattered to share your love with all, especially those most in need. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** "Arise, Your Light Is Come" Hymnal #411

***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** "When We All Get to Heaven" Oxana Khramova
(arr. M. Hayes)

*The flowers are given today by Dave and Sue Halama to honor their mothers', Rozanne Halama and Joslene Loew's, November birthdays.*

**Credits**

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**This Week**

**Monday, November 23, 8am** Jane Hoyt Memorial Service, FH
**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day,** office is closed

**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.

# 555 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord,* 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648
Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang,* Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



# 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE Irregular

John Henry Hopkins, 1940
As in *The Hymnal 1940*

Lesbia Scott, 1929; adapted




F Dm G C Am
doc - tor, and one was a queen, And one was a shep - herd-ess
sol - dier, and one was a priest, And one was slain by a
school, or in lanes, or at sea, In church, or in trains, or in
F G7 C Am Em
on the green: They were all of them saints of
fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y rea - son,
shops, or at tea; For the saints of God are just
F G7 C Am F Dm C G7 C
God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, Why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

# Arise, Your Light Is Come! 411

FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974 William H. Walter, 1894

