



Welcome and Announcements

Jeanne Rothaupt

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Air from Water Music"
(G. Handel, arr. M. Archer)

Oxana Khramova

Ring of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: O' Liberating God, we assemble ourselves for worship
In the witness and the work of the midwives Shiphrah and Puah
You call us to act together through faithful stewardship of our gifts
We offer everything we have and everything we are

All: We accept the call to be stewards of liberation!

Leader: O' Liberating God, we commit to the inaugural acts of liberation
in our time and place
We will risk being wrong
We will risk being misunderstood
We will risk, new acts of resistance and rebellion

All: We accept the call to be stewards of liberation!

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, you call us toward liberation by resisting a narrative that says we are not enough, that we don't have enough that what we have where we have it will make no difference. We remember Shiphrah and Puah who leveraged their position for liberation. Holy Spirit, help us deliver new life and liberation into this world, we pray Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"We Gather Together"

Hymnal #559

Readings

Exodus 1:1-22

Jeanne Rothaupt

Special Music

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
(G.J. Elvex, arr. B.B. Kinyon)

Bell Choir

Reflection

"Stewards of Liberation"

Andrew Warner

Prayers of the People/ Totenfest**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Mother, 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.

Together for Tomorrow: Stories of Legacy Giving

Nita and Tim Fitzgerald

Offertory

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(C. Kocher, arr. B.B. Kinyon)

Bell Choir

***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)**

Leader: Holy God, we celebrate your promise of liberation:

All: The good news is not the battle is won but that it is always being won

Leader: Holy God, we know you wait to collaborate and conspire with communities seeking freedom.

All: May you bless our giving and our volunteering to the ministry of liberation. Amen.

Closing Hymn“Let All Things Now Living”*

Hymnal #554

Benediction***Sung Benediction (unison)**

God be with you till we meet again;
By their counsels guide, uphold you;
With their sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

“Hornpipe from Water Music”
(G. Handel, arr. M. Archer)

Oxana Khramova

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This Week:

Tuesday, November 26: Tour of Homes craft meeting, 9am-1:30pm, Room 1

Wednesday, November 27: Blood Drive, 9am-3pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 28: Thanksgiving Day, office is closed

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Andrew Warner, CFRE, President of the Wisconsin Foundation UCC. Andrew works with our congregation and others across the conference to promote planned giving and other forms of generosity. He lives with his husband in Shawano, Wisconsin (next to the Menominee Nation).

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.

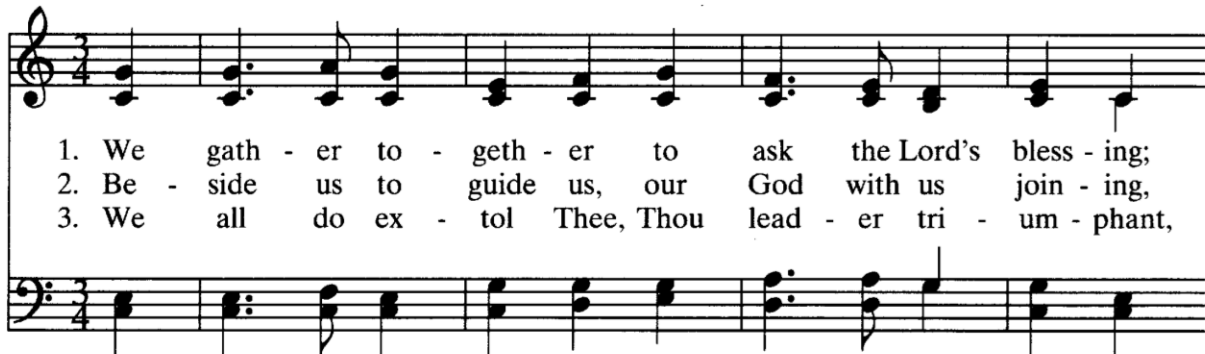
We Gather Together

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Netherlands folk hymn, 1625
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877



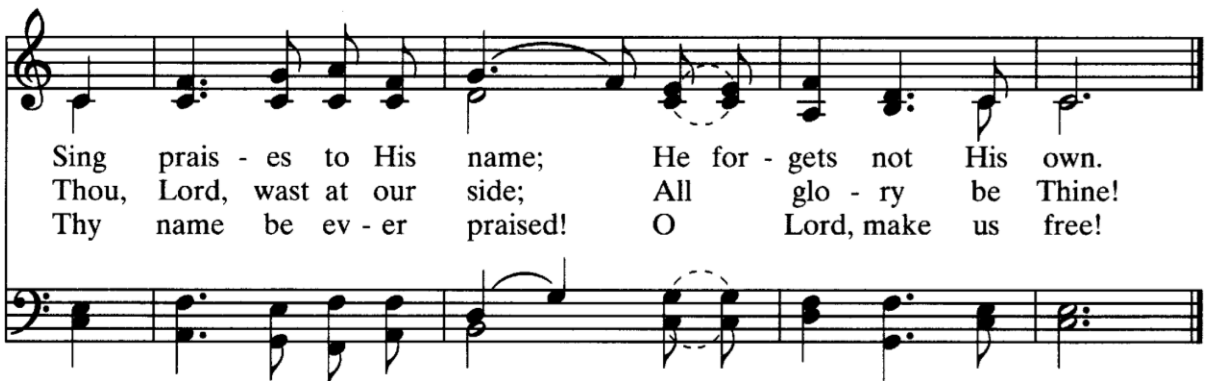
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Let All Things Now Living

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Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.