



Welcome

Prelude/Candle Lighting

“Morning Has Broken”
(L. Larson)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer (in unison):

Gracious God, your plans are not our plans—but help us to plan responsibly, anyway. Your ways are not our ways—but we seek to follow in the Way of love and compassion as faithfully as we are able. We long to live in a way that serves and furthers your shalom. Open us to your guidance, your teaching, and your surprises. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #376

Readings

Isaiah 55:3, 8-9

Mark 14:3-9

Bob Zdechlik

Special Music

“Allegro from Piano Sonata no. 18”
A. Mozart

Evelyn Rohrbach

Sermon

Extraordinary Improvised Plans
(read by Rev. Dr. Rob MacDougall)

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Purdew

Transitional Music

“In Christ Alone”
(S. Townend & Getty)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/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

"Father in Heaven"
(F. Flemming arr. E.P. Parker)

Evelyn Rohrbach

*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 Gratitude (in unison)

Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you: faithful with our time and energy; faithful with our possessions and wealth. Receive these gifts, O God, by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to make real your reign of love, justice, and peace in our world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Guide My Feet"

Hymnal #354

*Benediction

Leader: May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the good news.

All: **Amen.**

*Sung Benediction

**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

"Toccata"
(L. Boellmann)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Today's flowers are from Lee and Mary Jean Nicholls in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!

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This Week:

Tuesday: Council meeting 6:30 pm

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;

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. Where we now gather, generations gathered long before Europeans landed on these shores. 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 creature. We pray our thanks for their knowledge and wisdom; we exist in this place because of the lessons they continue to teach. Let us come before the Creating One and pray for guidance in learning how to make reparations with our Native neighbors.

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

LIFE IN CHRIST

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Alternate tuning program 242

Guide My Feet

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GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10

African-American spiritual

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Harm. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand
3. Stand by me
4. I'm Your child

while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm Your child

while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm Your child

while I run this race, For I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)