



**Welcome**

**Prelude/Candle Lighting**

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”  
(M. Burkhardt)

Michaela Gifford

**Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Into this world we are born,  
**All: Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.**  
 Leader: Into this day we awake,  
**All: Into possibility and the unknown.**  
 Leader: Into this church we are welcomed,  
**All: Into God’s grace and each other’s truth.**  
 Leader: So, let us worship our God this day.

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

**O God, Source of our lives, we gather together in your presence, hungry for an encounter with you, eager to enter the sacred conversation. Open our senses to your Spirit. God, planter of seeds and shaper of gardens, may the seeds you sow this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, producing an abundant harvest of love, mercy, and shalom.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymnal #469

**Readings**

Isaiah 55:10-13  
 Matthew 13:1-9  
 “Goldenrod” by Mary Oliver

Marilyn Winsor

**Special Music**

A Musical Surprise!

Dunn County Barbershoppers

**Sermon**

*Giving Our Gold Away*

*Rev. Kathleen Remund*

**Transitional Music**

“Good Soil”  
(H. Hanson)

Michaela Gifford

**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

"Now Thank We All Our God"  
(J. Cruger)

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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 Gratitude (in unison)

God, our Gardener, may these offerings help to water the seeds you are sowing among us. May they enable us to weed and feed them on your behalf, so that your work of restoring wholeness, re-awakening justice, and establishing peace may be accomplished. Amen.

## \*Closing Hymn

"The Trees of the Field"

SoF #136

## \*Benediction

Leader: As you leave this place, may you go out in joy and be led back in peace; may the mountains and the hills burst into song before you, and may all the trees of the field clap their hands. May you know, and share, the goodness of life offered to all by the Giver of Life.

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

"Recessional in A Minor"  
(L. Smith)

Michaela Gifford

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in memory of Marilyn's mother, Vicky J Pearson*

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**This Week:**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm:** Spirituality in Nature Group (SING), Hoffman Hills Recreational Area

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** Breakfast & Books Club, Scatterbrain Café, Downsville.

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm:** Church Council Meeting

**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;

Including 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.

# Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody  
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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You shall go out with joy— and be led forth with peace— and the



6

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you, There'll be shouts of joy



11

— and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the




18

trees of the field will clap their hands, — The trees of the field will



24

clap their hands — The trees of the field will clap their hands, — while



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you go out with joy.