



Welcome

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Organ Sonata No. 1 Op. 42"
(Guilmant organ)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise be to God,

All: Creator of time and space!

Leader: Who has set eternity in the human heart.

All: Who gives us today in which we can be happy and do good.

Leader: Today, in which we can eat and drink and find satisfaction.

All: Today, which is a gift from God.

Leader: Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

All: For everything God does will endure forever.

*Opening Prayer (in unison):

Gracious God, in our lives there is a time for sadness and joy, for hardship and ease, for loss and abundant gifts. Today, God, we offer you our gratitude for the gifts that Mary Burkett and Evelyn Rohrbach have brought to our congregation through their music and worship leadership. We feel the sadness that comes with loss and the hope that comes with new beginnings. Bless this community as we take a time for farewell and prepare for a new season to come, in which we will once again welcome the new. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

(words attached)

Farewell Blessing for Mary and Evelyn and Bill

Leader 1: Mary, you have blessed this congregation over the years with your love of music, your creative spirit, your artistry, your humor, your organizing skills, and so much more. You guided us through remote worship and new kinds of Christmas Eve services. You've brought beauty into our worship in so many ways. We will miss you! And we will miss you Bill, and all the gifts you have shared so generously with us.

Leader 2: Evelyn, you have blessed our worship with luscious piano music and expansive organ playing. You've accompanied other musicians, supported the choir and solo singers, and done it all with competence and calm. It has been a blessing to revel in your music and to watch you grow. We will miss you!

All: Mary, Evelyn, and Bill, we send you forth with our love and our blessings as you step into the future and the adventures that await you. Mary and Bill, may you revel in your retirement in the north woods. Evelyn, may you grow and thrive in college and in your new congregation. May you continue to live fully in the presence and the love of God—and may you know that you always have a home and a welcome here. Amen.

Readings

Karen Miller

Ecclesiastes 1:1-9, 3:1-4, 13

“In Blackwater Woods”, by Mary Oliver

Special Music

“Sicilienne”
(Fauré)

Dennis Peters w/Evelyn Rohrbach

Sermon

To Live in This World

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music

Evelyn Rohrbach

Prayers of the People

Offertory

“Lullaby”

Dennis Peters

***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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Now we set aside the common for an uncommon purpose as we prepare for Holy Communion, the family meal of Christ’s people. In this meal, we remember the life, teaching, witness, and death of Jesus. We celebrate his continued life among us. We remind one another that we are called to participate in Jesus’ Way of extravagant welcome and service. Come prepared to be blessed. Come because God has food for you. Come because Jesus invites you... just as you are.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Hymn

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

(attached)

Lord's Prayer

(paraphrase from the Pendle Hill Community)

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come; we pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need; give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one to each on. Lead us to a holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the mercy and the glory. Forever your name is all One. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Please join me in the words of institution over the bread:

All: When he was among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you."

The deacons will pass the bread through the congregation. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone has been served. We will eat the bread together.

Distribution Hymn:

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

(attached from SoF #151)

Please join me in the words of institution over the cup:

All: In the same way Jesus took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my life and my death. Take this—all of you—to remember me."

The deacons will pass the wine and juice through the congregation. When you have received the cup, you may drink right away in recognition of our individual relationships with God.

The deacons will pass the bread through the congregation. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone has been served. We will eat the bread together.

Distribution Hymn:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Prayer of Gratitude (in unison)

Gracious God, in this meal you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Hymnal #369

***Benediction**

Leader: May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths; may the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds; and may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full.

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

“Premiere Ballade”
(F. Chopin)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Today's flowers are from Neil and Marie Koch for Marie's 88th birthday on August 10th. Happy birthday Marie!

Credits

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This Week:

Today, August 6, Coffee hour following worship service in honor of Evelyn, Mary and Bill

Tuesday, August 8, Pre-council 5:00 pm, Council meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday-Friday, August 9-11, Kid's Club Compassion Camp 2:00-5:00 pm

Sunday, August 13, 10:00 am worship service at Wilson Park followed by pot luck

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.

TURN, TURN, TURN – opening hymn

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rain, a time of sow
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

Text and music: Anon., Argentina

C G7 C F C

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F C Am F G7 C

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for the word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry peo - ple of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

African-American spiritual

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time!
I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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