

Welcome

Prelude/Candle Lighting "Pastorale" Evelyn Rohrbach (C Franck)

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 90)

Leader: The LORD has been our dwelling place in all generations. God is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: In comparison, the days of our life on this earth are but a moment.

Leader: May God teach us to count our days, that we may be wise.

People: May God meet us here this morning, reminding us of God's steadfast love, so that we may

rejoice and be glad.

Leader: Let us thank and praise God for every minute.

*Opening Prayer (in unison):

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope. Help us hear and respond to your words of wisdom. May we learn from our experience of you. Holy One among us, shape us as a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes" Hymnal #324

Readings Nita Fitzgerald

Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 "Kaddish" by Marge Piercy

Special Music "Minuet" Abby Huenick

(J. Paderewski)

Sermon "The Glory that Shines Through Us" Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music "Be Thou My Vision" Evelyn Rohrbach

(V. Morrison)

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth and Simple Gifts Medley" (R. Belliston)

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)

Gracious God, in your wisdom you show us a way of powerful giving. May we heed your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Receive our gifts and offerings for the good of your world and the sake of your kin-dom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #464

*Benediction

Leader:

As you leave today, may you go in the knowledge and the presence of God. May your eyes be open to see the Holy in unexpected places. May you listen for the whisper of the Spirit in everyday moments. May you be attentive to the Wisdom of the heart and ready to learn from what she has to teach. May you go in peace.

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

"By the Still Waters" (A. Beach)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Today's flowers are from Sherry and Larry Galetka in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30th.

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This Week:

Today, July 23, Walk on the Prairie, 4-5:30pm, join us at Owl Hollow Farm, N7198 190th St., Knapp Please let Barb Flom know if you are planning to attend:

birdietweetums@yahoo.com or text/call 715-619-0484.

Monday, July 24th, Floors waxed. South entryway not accessible until 8am July 25th Wednesday, July 26, deadline for submitting news items for August's edition of "The Bell" Thursday, July 27, 1-11:30am, Safe Church meeting Room 1 Saturday, July 29, 80th birthday celebration for Andrew Welsch 2-6pm at their home, 407 Elm Ave. W.

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;

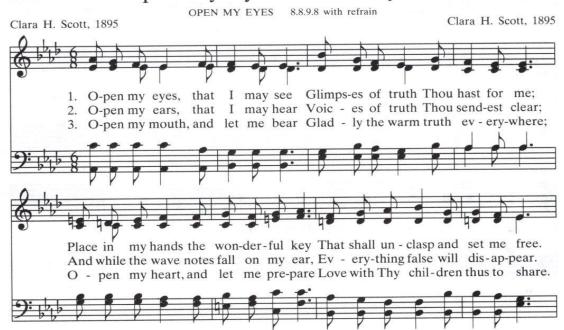
To reach out in love seeking justice and peace;

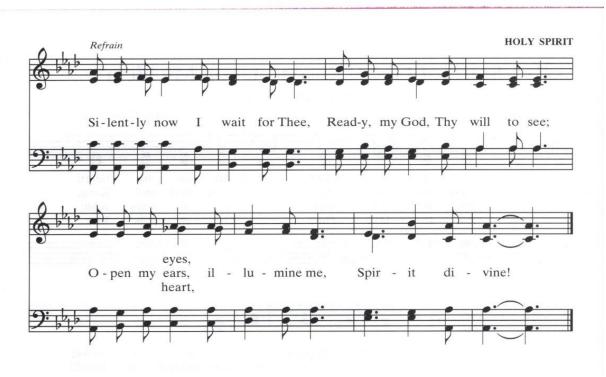
And to tell the old story of Jesus and His love.

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.

Psalm 119:18 🕮





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