



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting	“Prelude” (Louise Farrenc)	RuthAnn Ledgerwood
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Ring of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here,
All: Where the hungry are served first; where the thirsty drink life's water.
 Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here
All: Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced.
 Leader: We come, for God reunites us here,
All: Where the imprisoned model justice, and the sick are cradled in God's peace.
 Leader: We come to worship God and to seek God’s grace and love.

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

Holy One, you have shown us where you can be found. You have blessed the meek and the vulnerable. You have told us how to measure our lives. Where justice and mercy dwell—you are there. In the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned, the suffering—you show us your face. May we recognize you in our own wounds and weakness and those of others. May we find joy and new life in the presence of your grace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	“Gather Us In” (vs. 1,2, and 4)	SoF #44
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Readings		Luci Black
Psalm 95:1-7a		
Matthew 25:31-46		
from <i>Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith</i> , by Anne Lamott		

Special Music		Richie Price
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Sermon	<i>Measured by Love</i>	Rev. Kathleen Remund
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Transitional Music	“Come Thou Fount”	RuthAnn Ledgerwood
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Prayers of the People

Totenfest – Reading the names

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

“Simple Gifts” traditional Shaker Medley
(Cindy Berry)

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

*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)

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts we have and the blessing of sharing. Use our gifts for your glory and to meet the needs and hopes of your kin-dom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Hymnal #369

*Benediction

Leader: Wherever you go, may you seek and follow the Way of Jesus. May you recognize God in the strangers you meet. May you extend hospitality and care to your neighbors, who embody Christ for you. May you allow them to care for you, so that you may embody Christ for them. May you trust your full self to the Spirit’s care—and immerse yourself in the kin-dom of God.

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

“Getting it Right”
(Christopher Norton)

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

Today's flowers are from Deb and John Wesolek to celebrate the last days of fall.

Credits

- The Call to Worship is adapted from one written by Thom Shuman and posted on his *Lectionary Liturgies website*, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/11/reign-of-christ.html>
- The Prayer of Dedication and Benediction are adapted from “Service Prayers for the Reign of Christ Sunday,” written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ and posted on <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/>.
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This Week:

Today, November 26th: Congregational meeting to elect our Search Committee following
10:00 am worship service

Wednesday, November 29th: Kid's Club 4:00 pm, Room 2; Choir practice 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2nd, 10am to 2pm: Tour of Homes

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.

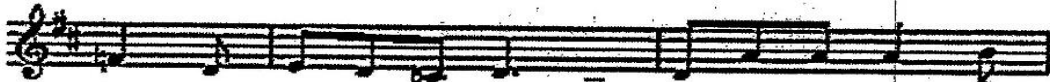
Land Acknowledgement

Here we congregate on Ojibwe, Dakota, Menominee, Potawatomi, and Ho Chunk land. 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.

Gather Us In/Here in this Place (Haugen)



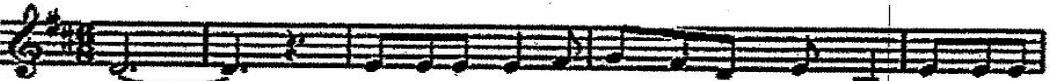
1. Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - fry, we are the
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - lar, here we will
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fn - ing, not in some



1. dark - ness, van - ished a - way, See, in this space, our
 2. old who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
 3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your
 4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place, the



1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
 2. out all of his - fry, called to be light to the whole hu-man
 3. sons and your daugh-tern, call us a - new to be salf for the
 4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King-dom now is the



1. day, _____ Gath-er us in the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us
 2. race, _____ Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us
 3. earth, _____ Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to
 4. day, _____ Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath-er us



1. in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
 2. in the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
 3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to
 4. in and make us your own; Gath-er us in all peo - ples to -



1. we - ken, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 3. fash - ion, lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 4. gath - er, fire _____ of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

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!)