



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies" Richie Price

Ring of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: A love that never ceases,
All: A creativity that designed the universe,
 Leader: A hope that cannot be quenched,
All: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:
 Leader: These are the things that are of God,
All: Then let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer (in unison):

Gracious God, we gather today to worship you, to remember your call to justice and to embrace your vision of shalom—of a world that is whole, in harmony and at peace. As we do so, we honor the veterans who have served this nation and others with courage, commitment, and a willingness to sacrifice. We acknowledge the many ways our living veterans carry wounds of all kinds. We confess that your shalom does not yet reign. With those who serve in uniform, we pray for the day when war is no more. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (words attached)

Readings Heather Jerrie

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"A Veteran's Day Reflection" by Gregg Brekke

Anthem "A time for All Things" Senior Choir
 (Douglas Wagner)

Sermon *Remembrance* LaMont Meinen, Kathy Colvin,
 Agnes Welsch, Jane Slupe

Transitional Music "I Bind My Heart This Tide" Susan Hall
 (Grace Wilbur Conant)

Prayers of the People/Reading of 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.

Presentation of Veterans' Honor Blanket

Karen Miller

Offertory

"God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
(Moore/Anders)

Susan Hall

*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)

Receive these gifts, O God, as expressions of our love for you and our hope for a world transformed. Accept these gifts, we pray, along with our gifts of service, struggle, courage, peacemaking, care, creativity and kindness. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"This Is My Song/Finlandia"

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*Benediction

Leader: Go forth this morning in a spirit of healing and wholeness...replenished by the grace and mercy of God, blessed by the healing love of Jesus, and energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.

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

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Richie Price

The flowers today are from the Dehnert and Stauss families in memory of Marilyn Dehnert's daughter, Lindsay, and Marilyn and Margi's sister Jan Sisul. Also, the flowers are to honor all veterans and those still serving in our country various branches of service.

Credits

- The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel and posted on her website, *Hold Fast to What is Good*, <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship>.
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This Week:

Today, November 12th, following worship: David Cook birthday 95th celebration, Demetia Program

Tuesday, November 14th: 5pm pre-Council meeting
6pm Council meeting

Wednesday, November 15th: 4pm Kid's Club preparing Christmas Boxes, Fellowship Hall

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 make reparations.

My Country 'Tis of Thee

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing.
Land where our parents died,
of the ancestors' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love.
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills.
My heart with rapture thrills
like that above.

Let music swell the breeze
and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake.
Let all that breathe partake.
Let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

Creator, God, to thee
Author of liberty
to thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light
protect us by thy might
Great God, reigning.