



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude/Candle Lighting** "Molto Allegro" Evelyn Rohrbach  
(A. Mozart)

**Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We look around and see how we have been blessed –  
**All: Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith.**  
 Leader: That goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.  
**All: In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.**  
 Leader: Let us worship God.

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

**Gracious God, we are here today because of the legacies passed to us by our ancestors. Our families and genetic legacies, the traditions of the Christian faith and the United Church of Christ, the people and practices of this congregation since its' beginnings. We offer you thanks on this Heritage Sunday for all that we have inherited—the struggles and challenges, the gifts and beauty, the imperfections, the generosity, the kindness. Thank you for the love that holds us across time and space. You are good; life is good. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal #473

**Time with Children** Rev. Kathleen Remund

**Readings** Naomi Cummings  
 Psalm 65  
 Deuteronomy 8:7-18

**Anthem** "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" Bell Choir  
 (Fredrich C. Atkinson, Arr. Jason W. Krug)

**Sermon** *The Terroir of Generosity* Rev. Andrew Warner

**Transitional Music** "How Great Thou Art" Evelyn Rohrbach  
 (L. Larson)

## 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.**

### Mission Moments

Sally Conklin, Nita Fitzgerald

### Offertory

"Prelude in G Minor"  
(J.S. Bach)

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 Dedication (in unison)

**Bless these gifts, O God, and put them to work bringing hope and peace to this world on this day of full of gratitude. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymnal #554

### \*Benediction

Leader: As we leave our worship this morning, may you know the embrace of our shared legacy: the communion of saints of this church, the unfolding Christian tradition, the love and gifts of our ancestors. And may God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit that sustains and enlivens us bless you on your way.

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

"Finale"  
(A. Guilmant)

Evelyn Rohrbach

*Today's flowers are a gift from Karen Miller in honor of Heritage Sunday.*

### Credits

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**This Week:**

**Today, November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Following worship join us for our Heritage Sunday celebration (balloon volleyball and butter making downstairs!) and meal in the Fellowship Hall. Presentation by Andrew Warner in the sanctuary following the meal.

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** December/January "Bell" articles deadline

**Thursday and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:** The office is closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**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.

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
 Lifteth holy hands above,  
 Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

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## Let All Things Now Living

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Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

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THANKSGIVING HYMNS

*Harmony*

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

*Unison*

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.