



## Welcome

### Prelude/Candle Lighting

“Voluntary V: Adagio”  
(John Alcock, Jr.)

Oxana Khramova

### Ringing of the Bell

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: A time set apart,

**All: A time to come together;**

Leader: A space filled with silence

**All: A space filled with song;**

Leader: Hearts seeking solace,

**All: Hearts overflowing with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us worship God.**

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

**Holy God, we come before you in awe of your great love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy, some with sadness and others full of fear...yet we know you receive us as we are. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your word. Restore us this morning, and send us back into the world renewed and eager to follow in your Way. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn

“Canticle of the Sun”  
(vs. 1, 2, 5, and 6)

(attached)

#### Readings

Isaiah 40:21-25

Mark 1:29-39

“In a Season of Epiphany” by Sandra Lindow

Ellen Ochs

#### Sermon

*Mysterious Gifts*

Rev. Kathleen Remund

#### Transitional Music

“Moods: Consolation”  
(M. Tariverdiev)

Oxana Khramova

#### Prayers of the People

## Stewardship Moment

Amy Riddle-Swanson

## Offertory

"Now the Day is Over"  
(J. Barnby/T. Hutchings)

Oxana Khramova

## \*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 one. 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, recognizing that God calls us to life in community.*

**Distribution Hymn:** "We Come to the Hungry Feast" (attached)

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. The juice is dark red; the wine is white. When you have helped yourself, you may drink right away in recognition of God's relationship with each of us as individuals.*

**Distribution Hymn:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (attached)

### **Prayer of Gratitude (in unison)**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, gracious God, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your kin-dom. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (attached)

### **\*Benediction**

Leader: May you go out this day, restored. May you be freed to serve and be served, to offer and receive care, to experience your deep connection to God and to this family of faith. Go in peace, to love and serve.

**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 'til we meet again.

**Postlude** "Moods: Consolation" Oxana Khramova  
(M. Tariverdiev)

*The flowers today are from Toby and Marian Ellison in loving memory of Marian's sister Harriet who passed away 15 years ago. Her birthday was February 6<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Credits**

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**This Week:**

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>: Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm Kid's Club; 5:30 pm Choir rehearsal; 6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM: final *Ministry for the Future* discussion on Zoom

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: Fool's Sunday/Pledge Sunday

**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.

## Canticle of the Sun

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,  
 and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,  
 dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and  
 sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of

light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who  
 storms, ♪ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they  
 crops ♪ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her  
 sun ♪ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his  
 made ♪ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that  
 loss ♪ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your

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light up the way Un - to your throne.  
 blow where they please To please the Lord.  
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.  
 spir - it so bright, He sings of you.  
 help us to know The heart of love.  
 pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

Text and music: Anon., Argentina

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

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.

## **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.

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844  
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am  
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E4, and D4. A dashed circle highlights the first two notes of the second measure (F4 and E4). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me  
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted quarter note G4 and a half note F4 in the second measure, which are circled. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody features a dotted quarter note G4 and a half note F4 in the second measure, which are circled. The bass staff provides the final accompaniment.

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