



Welcome

Prelude/Candle Lighting

“Did You Think to Pray”
(M. Bailey)

Oxana Khramova

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 139)

Leader: We’ve come to worship God, who loved us before we were born—

All: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves—

Leader: Whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases—

All: This is our God.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Ever-present God, who knows us in all the stages and shapes of our lives—instill in us a hunger to know and love the selves you have created us to be. As we come to know ourselves, may we listen more truly for your voice. May we trust you enough to open our hearts, minds, questions, doubts, hesitance, fears and yearnings to your gaze. Because when we are most truly ourselves, we are most fully connected to you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“God of Our Life”

Hymnal #275

Readings

Psalm 139:1-14a, 17-18

1 Samuel 3:1-10

from *Let Your Life Speak*, by Parker Palmer

Heather Jerrie

Anthem

“Make Me a Servant”
(J. Paul Williams/Benjamin Harlan)

Choir

Sermon

Becoming Ourselves

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music

“How Great the Wisdom and the Love”
(K. Rowley)

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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.

Stewardship Moment

Jeanne Rothaupt

Offertory

**"Adagio from Piano Sonata in D major"
(W. Mozart)**

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*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)

Holy God, you know us deeply. You teach us your way and call us to follow you. Help us to trust you with all aspects of our lives. May these gifts of our lives and our finances help spread your love and your peace to this community of humans you know and love so deeply. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"All My Days"

SoF #2

*Benediction

Leader: Beloveds, go forth in the deep awareness that you are fully known and fully loved by God—the Source and Ground of your being. Go out into your day and your week with your eyes, ears, and hearts open to the promptings of the Spirit. Seek the Way of compassion...and do not be afraid.

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

**"Reflections"
(M. Tariverdiev)**

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Today's flowers are in celebration of 2024!!!

Credits

- The Call to Worship was adapted from one posted in <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.
- The Prayer of Dedication was adapted from one written by Rev. Rosanna Anderson and posted in "Offertory Prayers and Invitation for January 2015, Discipleship Ministries, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/>
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This Week:

Monday, January 15th, *Ministry for the Future* book discussion, 6:00-7:30 pm, Room 1

Wednesday, January 17th, Kids' Club 4:00 pm; Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm; Bell Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, January 19th, *Ministry for the Future* book discussion (Zoom) 10:00 am

Sunday, January 21st, Bridge Coffee Hour 9:00 am; Congregational Conversation 11:15am

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.

God of Our Life

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Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928

Charles Henry Purday, 1860
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known We fol - low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
And faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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All My Days

♩=78 N.C. A⁷sus

1. You

D D/F# G A⁷sus G/B D D/F# D G

know my_ words, be - fore they're said. You know my need and
 I should fly_ be - yond the_ dawn, the shad - ows will_ not
 ev - ery_ thought, each word we say, - the whole of_ time, the
 mend my_ heart and free my_ voice. From sin re - leased, I

E/G# Esus A F#7/A# Bm F#m7 G Am D7 Gadd9

I am_ fed. You give me_ life. You know my_ ways, my
 o - ver - come. If I lie_ down in deep - est_ night, still
 pre - sent day, - are held with - in_ your might - y_ hand too
 will re - joice. O search me_ now, my spir - it_ cries, and

D/A G/B Em/C#F#aug Bm D7/A D/G D/F# Em7

strength, my path_ for all my_ days, my strength, my_ path, for
 you are_ there, my truth, my_ light, still you are_ there, my
 won - der - ful_ to com - pre - hend, too won - der - ful_ to
 let my_ song of praise a - rise, - and let my_ song of

Asus N.C. A⁷sus Asus N.C. Dadd9

1. 2. 3. 4.

all my days. _____ 2. If praise a - rise. _____
 truth, my light. _____ 3. Our
 com - pre - hend. _____ 4. O

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