

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.

Offertory

“Air”
(Jean-Baptiste de Bousset)

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.**

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Everything we have and everything we are come first from you, O God. In return, may we learn to give you all we have. May these offerings today, for this church in this community, express our commitment to you and a desire to serve your good world. What has freely come, we now let freely go. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #376

*Benediction

Leader: The journey into the deep requires trust. Go forth, this morning, with a renewed trust in the God who knows your every breath, your every thought, your every action, your every longing. Know that the deeper you dive, the closer you will draw to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our lives are but a moment; God is eternal—and you are held in eternal love.

All: Amen.

*Sung Benediction (unison, 3 times)

Oh, Lord, hear my prayer/Oh Lord, hear my prayer/When I call, answer me
Oh, Lord, hear my prayer/Oh Lord, hear my prayer/Come, and listen to me.

Postlude

“Just as I am”
(W. Bradbury/Carol Tornquist)

Oxana Khramova

The flowers today are in celebration of Judy Fry's birthday which was yesterday, March 9th. Please join Judy and Ron for coffee and goodies in the Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate her special day.

Credits

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

Spring Break: No Council meeting on 3/13 and Kid's Club will not meet this week.

Wednesday, March 13th : 6:30 Bells rehearsal; 7:30 Choir rehearsal

Saturday, March 16th: 1:00 pm Anne Frantz-Cook visitation, 3:00 pm Celebration of Life followed by reception

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, affirming 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.

PSALM 90:1-5

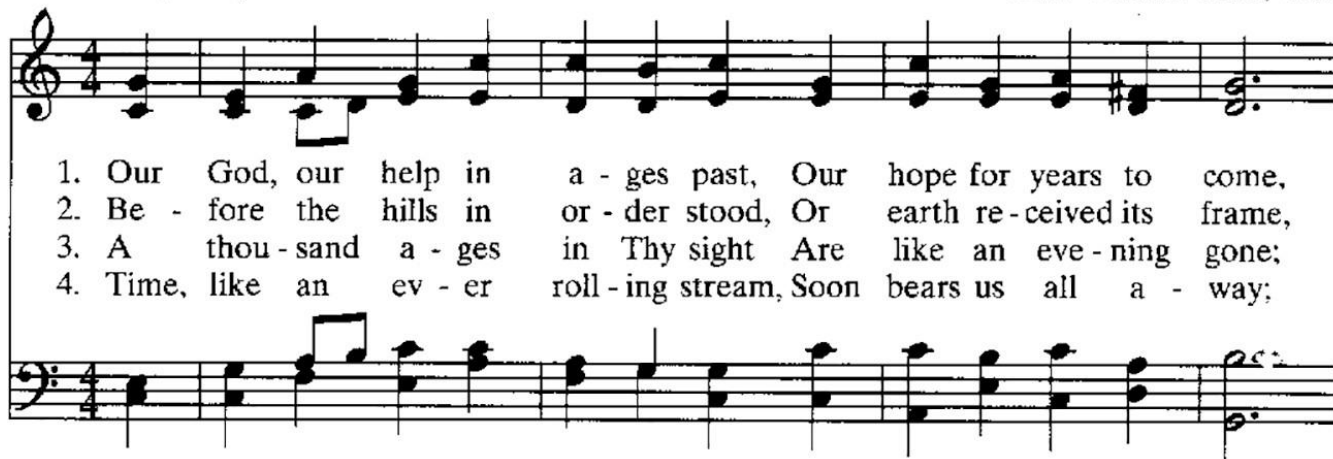
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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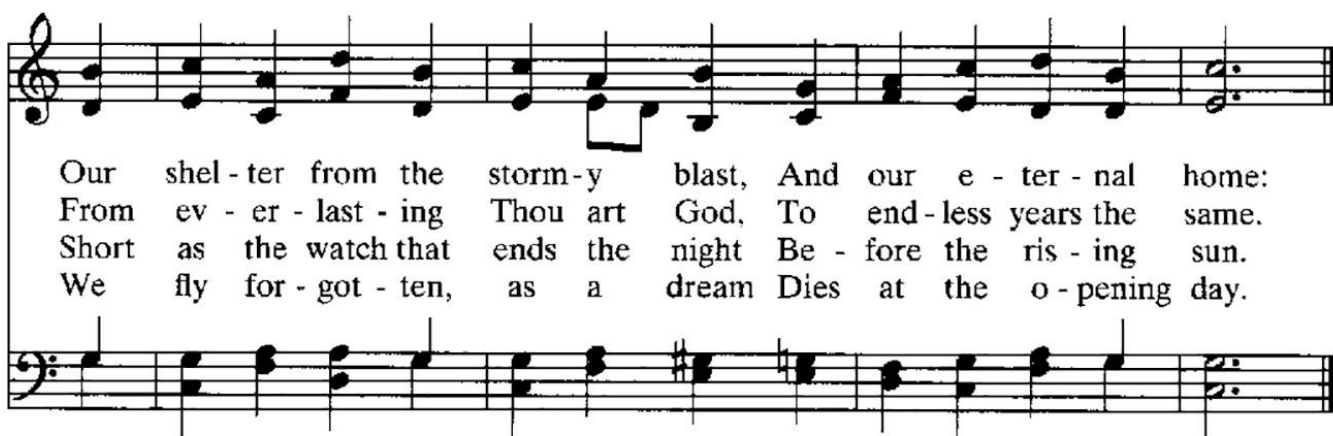
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heav - en we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.