



Welcome and Announcements

Nita Fitzgerald

Prelude/Candle Lighting

“Lucis creator optime”
(J.-B. Fasolo)

Oxana Khramova

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: We are called to be God's people.

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

All: We are called to be the body of Christ.

Leader: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with many different kinds of gifts. Whether these gifts are for hospitality or leadership, teaching or tending, nurturing or building, help us claim and use them for healing and justice. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this beautiful world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

Hymnal #132

Readings

Jon Blomquist

1 Corinthians 12:12-18

from *By My Own Devices*, by Dessa

Anthem

“Psalm 100”
(Lanny Allen)

Choir

Sermon

Recognizing and Remembering

Rev. Emily Goldthwaite

Transitional Music

“As Deer Long for the Streams”

Oxana Khramova

Prayers of the People

Nita Fitzgerald

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

"Lord, Reign in Me"
(B. Brown, arr. C. Tornquist)

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)

God of all good gifts, thank you for the opportunity to give back—to you, to our church, and to our neighbors. Receive these, and all, our gifts of gratitude for the work of your kin-dom. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"God, We Thank You for Our People"

(attached)

*Closing Words

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon you.

All: **We go forth proclaiming God's love and liberation.**

Leader: The Spirit of Christ is upon you.

All: **We go forth to live lives of justice and freedom.**

Leader: The power of the Spirit is upon you.

All: **We go forth as one body, one spirit, one witness to the promises of our God.**

*Sung Benediction (unison)

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

"Cry of My Heart"
(T. Butler, arr. C. Tornquist)

Oxana Khramova

The flowers today are from Kathy Colvin in celebration of her granddaughter Hannah's birthday today (Sunday) and remembering her dad, Jerry Svoboda, on what would have been his 99th birthday on the 28th.

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This Week:

Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30pm Bells rehearsal

Monday, May 27th, Church office is closed for observation of Memorial Day

Saturday, June 1st, Rachel Sillar's Celebration of Life service, 2:00pm

Announcements:**Father's Day**

On Sunday June 16th, we will be celebrating Father's Day. The Care Ministries would like to recognize some of those men, in our community, who would appreciate being honored. We would like to collect some personal care items for the men at Cairn House. We will accept cash donations for haircuts and gas cards. Put your labeled cash/check in the offering plate.

Summer Office Hours

Church Office will be closed on Fridays during summer months starting June 7, 2024

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.

ONA Covenant

We covenant as a congregation to welcome, celebrate, and include lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people and their families into the full life of our church. We take this stance publicly and proudly, knowing that silence is inadequate to confront the violent theology that is widespread throughout the Christian church. We covenant to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people and their families with our prayers, words, and actions.

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941



1. Come, great God of all the a - ges, Make Your earth - ly mis - sion known;
2. Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, Sure foun - da - tion, cor - ner - stone,
3. Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
4. Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, House - hold of the one true God,



Speak through ev - ery deed and per - son, Let Your way and will be shown.
 Help us form the church e - ter - nal, May Your vi - sion be our own.
 Through the mov - ing of Your pres - ence, Let re - deem - ing love re - call
 In com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing Let us go where Christ has trod;



Guide the church to true com - mit - ment, Give di - rec - tion now, we ask;
 Send a mes - sage to each fol - lower, Lead all peo - ple to Your way;
 Min - is - try in ded - i - ca - tion, Love em - bod - ied in our deeds;
 As we act in faith and rev - erence, Let us, Lord, the fu - ture see;



Fit us for the work of build - ing, Ded - i - cate us to the task.
 Urge us to strong faith and ac - tion As we build the church to - day.
 Chal - lenge us to do Your bid - ding, See Your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 Place us in the church tri - um - phant, Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.



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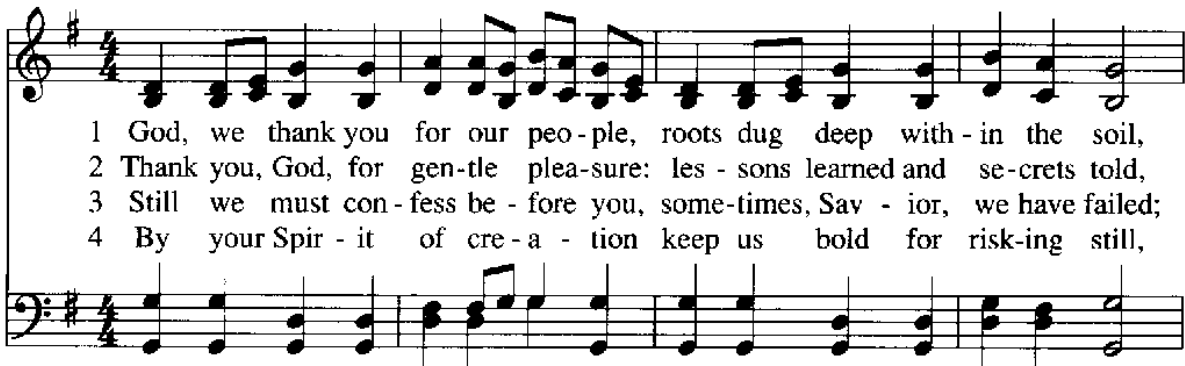
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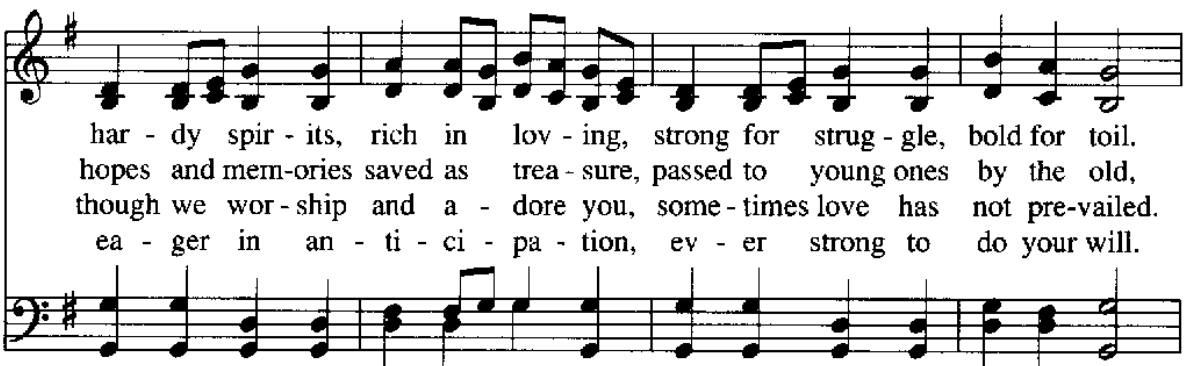
God, We Thank You for Our People

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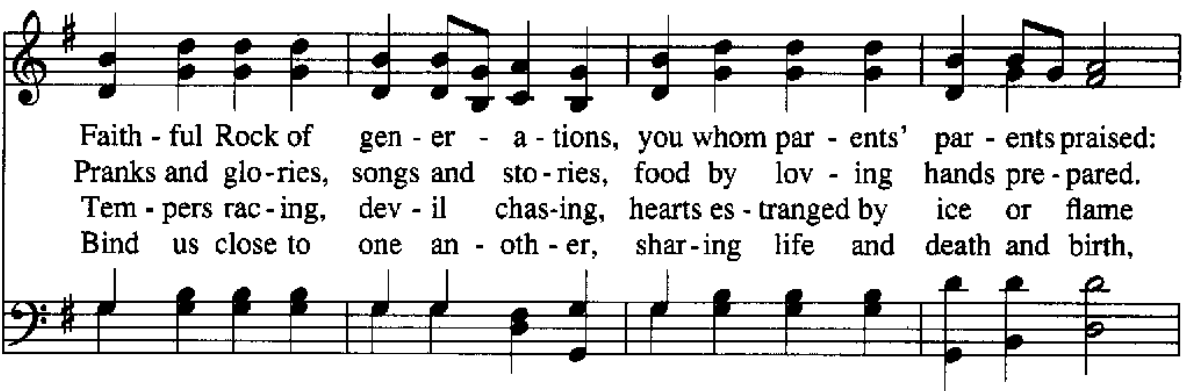
Ruth Duck, 1986



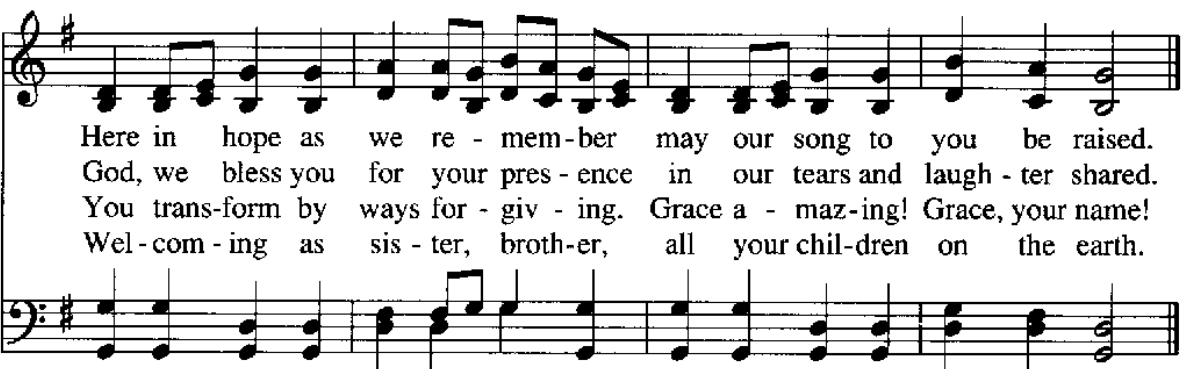
1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;
4 By your Spir - it of cre-a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-vailed.
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
William Moore, 1825