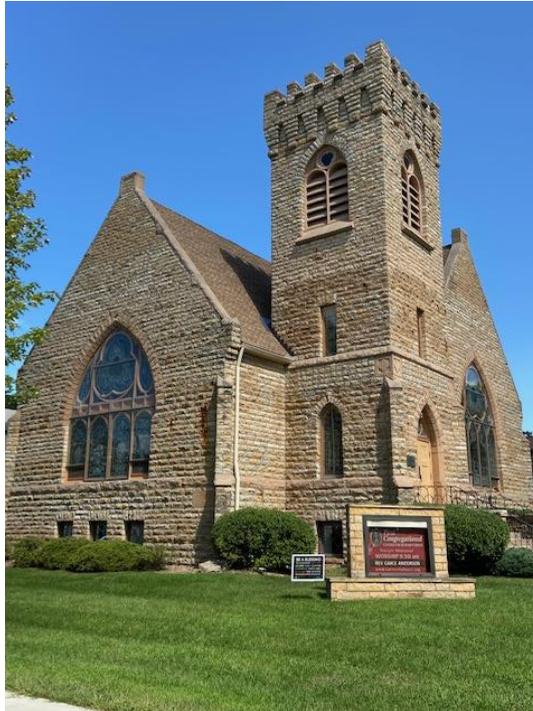


**First Congregational Church UCC
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend
May 29, 2022**



The Spirit of God makes us one in Christ.

**Stand in body or spirit*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

As we remember those who died in war to further the cause of peace:

Lord, make us peacemakers.

As we look to the futures of our children and grandchildren:

Lord, make us peacemakers.

As we think of our war-torn, blood-stained, sorrowful world:

Lord, make us peacemakers.

Hear our prayer, Loving God, as we gather to worship and remember today:

Come to us in perfect love, to drive away our fear; in the name of the

Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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***THE PEACE (responsive)**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20

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Psalm 33:1-5, 13-22

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READINGS

“Battlefield Cross” by Ternic2005

Roman Mercier

“I Do Not Know Your Name” by Sherrie Ball

Al Broin

HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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READINGS

“Soldier” by Ed Coet

Jim Green

“Flanders Field” by John McCrae

Pastor Grace Anderson

ROLL CALL

Jacqui Broin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE (*responsive*)

Spirit of Life, we enter these days of memorial surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

We remember first of all the women and men who currently serve in the armed forces across the planet. We pray for their safe return.

We know that there will be men and women who will not return.

We grieve with those who most deeply love them. We pause to honor their service and their sacrifice.

We continue our prayer in silence.

We also pause this hour to give thanks for all the women and men who have served in the nation's armed services.

Even those who have not served know war's aftermath and the toll it takes on the human heart.

In these days, we remember the loss and all who served whom we have loved and were lost, even family members we never knew but whose legacies haunt us, yet still define us.

We hold their names and their faces in our hearts. We recall all they have given us through the strength of their being, the depth of their love, the courage of their sacrifice, and the fullness of their living.

In the holy quiet of this moment, their names surround us and they live with us in blessed memory. We hold them now in silence, remembering all they have meant to us.

We continue our prayer in silence.

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, 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.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY (unison)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*

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***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe,

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar of Events

Today, Sunday, May 29

Worship Service: 9:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor Grace

Music Leader: Dawn Husmann

Scripture Reader: Lila Engstrom

Serving Committee: Ray & Sandra

Meglic; Jim & Bonnie Hvistendahl

Sunday, June 5 *Pentecost*

Communion Sunday - Wear Red!

Worship Service: 9:30am

Worship Leader: Pastor Grace

Music Leader: Dawn Husmann

Scripture Reader: Carol Emery

Serving Committee: Chuck & Carol

Emery; Laura Hemmah

Pastoral Care

For pastoral emergencies, please call
Pastor Grace on her cell phone @
651-367-9328.

Prayer Chain

AM Bonnie Hvistendahl: 263-4120

PM Mavis Johnson: 263-2857

When you are in need of prayer for
yourself or others, your request will
be passed along via the prayer chain.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Tuesday Bible Study:

Hiatus June-August

Holy Communion:

1st Sunday of the Month

Minister:

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Moderator:

Bill Peterson

Church Organist/Choir Director:

Dawn Husmann

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Dick Welch

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Thought for the Month

“Happiness is not a goal, it is a by-product.”

Mission Team Update

One Great Hour of Sharing offerings can be made through June 5th. Checks may be placed in the box in the Narthex or mailed to the church to Jon Sagers’ attention. Please write “OGHS” in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

As war is waged upon Ukraine, please know that our denomination, the United Church of Christ, is offering us a way in which to help. Millions of people have already sought refuge outside of Ukraine. Others have remained in the country but are displaced from their homes. The humanitarian crisis is accelerating in Ukraine and in neighboring countries as the violence escalates and the number of people on the move multiples. Some, due age or ability are displaced within Ukraine and unable to leave.

Gifts made to UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and

other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

Uniting in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected and with our global partners who are welcoming those driven from their homes.

Donations can be mailed to **the church office**. Please be sure to note **“Ukraine Relief Fund”** on your check in the memo section.

Bible Study and Adult Education

This past week was the end of our program year. Thank you to all who participated in Bible Study’s and for our lively discussions. We will resume Bible Study in the fall. Dates and times to come!

Thank you also to all who participated in the various Adult Education offerings this past program year. On Wednesday evenings, we talked about and dug into two different books. The first one was by Sr. Joan Chittister titled “The Gift of Years.”

The second book by the presiding Bishop Michael Curry titled “Love is the Way.” Thanks for Zoom, we were able to include folks here, in Wisconsin and snow birds in Florida. What a gift!

During the seasons of Advent, we reflected on seasonal readings on Sundays after worship. In Lent, we welcomed community clergy for a reflection each Wednesday on Psalm 23.

Adult Education will also resume in the fall. If you would like to volunteer to be a lay leader of a book discussion, please contact Pastor Grace. We could pick a book and have a rotation of lay leaders as well.

Our Mission Statement

We are a welcoming and loving congregational family that celebrates God’s presence among us.

Our spiritual growth is enriched through worship, the Bible, prayer, faith education, and fellowship.

We strive to meet the needs of a diverse, multi-generational congregation.

Together we share the message of Jesus Christ and put our faith into actions in our local and global community.