





**\*Sung Benediction** (unison)

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**

“Entrance of the Gladiators”  
(J. Fučík)

Oxana Khramova

*The flowers today are in celebration of Doris and Than Win's 46th wedding anniversary on February 14th. Happy Anniversary and Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Credits**

- Armas, Kat. *Liturgies for resisting empire: Seeking community, belonging, and peace in a dehumanizing world*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2025. Chapter 3: Rejecting Ideology, Embracing Wisdom, pgs 45-46.
- Call to Worship from Garnaas-Holmes, Steve. “Transfiguration Sunday.” Transfiguration Sunday – Unfolding Light, September 12, 2022. <https://unfoldinglight.net/2022/09/12/transfiguration/>.
- Prayer of Dedication adapted from “Join the Movement: Join the Movement toward Racial Justice Worship Resources.” United Church of Christ, November 16, 2025. <https://www.ucc.org/itm-resources/local-church-campaign-2/>.
- Wildman, Terry M. *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament* (p. 33). (Function). Kindle Edition.

**This Week**

**Sunday, January 15: 11:00-1:00pm** Progressive Christian Discussion (Rm. 1); **11:15am** Music Committee (Rm. 12 – Old Nursery)

**Tuesday, February 17: 11:30am** Church Council (Rm. 1)

**Wednesday, February 18: 10:30-2:00pm** Tour of Homes and Women's Fellowship meetings (FH); **4pm** Kid's Club; **5:30pm**; Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir

**Thursday, February 19: 6:00-8:00pm** Groww (Rm. 1)

**Link to the full church calendar:** <https://www.menomonieucc.org/monthlycalendar>

**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.

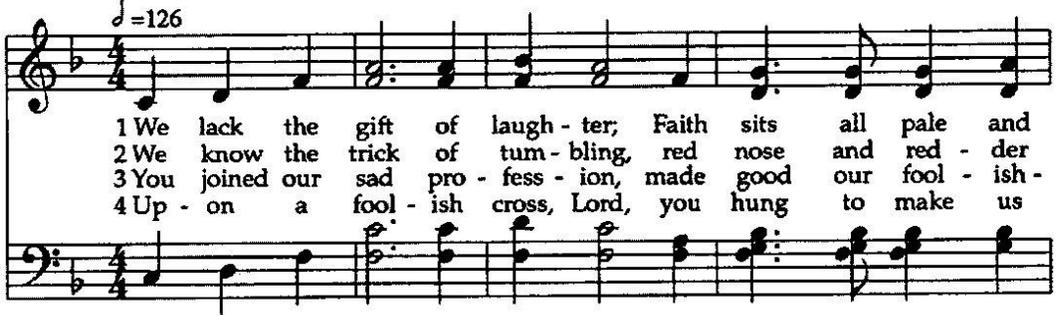
# Christ joyful

for John Webster

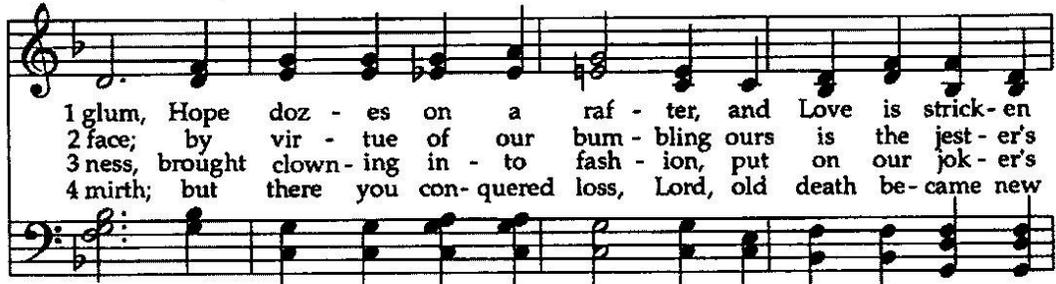
Words and music by Colin Gibson

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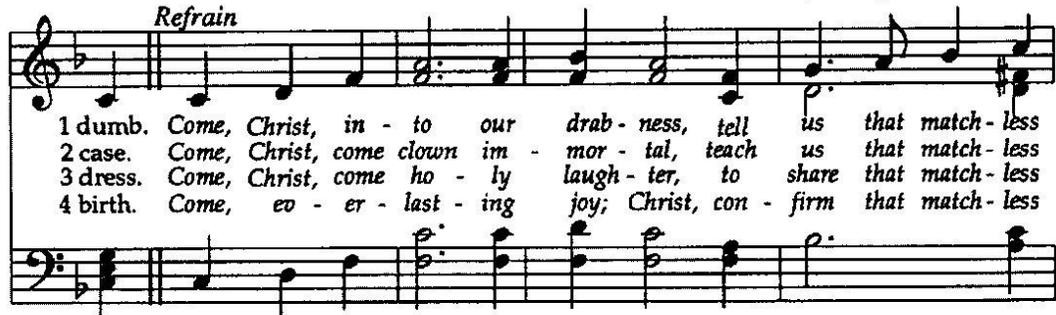


1 We lack the gift of laugh - ter; Faith sits all pale and  
2 We know the trick of tum - bling, red nose and red - der  
3 You joined our sad pro - fess - ion, made good our fool - ish -  
4 Up - on a fool - ish cross, Lord, you hung to make us



1 glum, Hope doz - es on a raf - ter, and Love is strick - en  
2 face; by vir - tue of our bum - bling ours is the jest - er's  
3 ness, brought clown - ing in - to fash - ion, put on our jok - er's  
4 mirth; but there you con - quered loss, Lord, old death be - came new

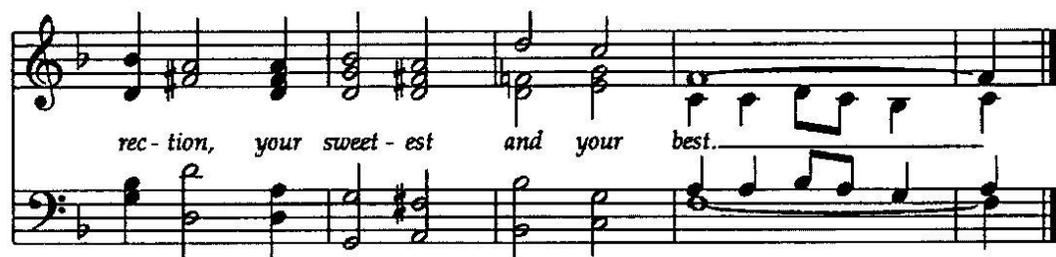
*Refrain*



1 dumb. Come, Christ, in - to our drab - ness, tell us that match - less  
2 case. Come, Christ, come clown im - mor - tal, teach us that match - less  
3 dress. Come, Christ, come ho - ly laugh - ter, to share that match - less  
4 birth. Come, ev - er - last - ing joy; Christ, con - firm that match - less



jest of life and re - sur - rec - tion, of life and re - sur -



rec - tion, your sweet - est and your best.

# Won't you be my neighbor?

from Mister Roger's Neighborhood

Fred Rogers

Swing

It's a beau-ti - ful day in the neigh - bor - hood, a

beau-ti - ful day for a neigh-bor would you be mine? Could you be mine? It's a

1. be mine? I have al - ways want-ed to have a neigh-bor just like you I've

2. al - ways want-ed to live in a neigh - bor - hood with you. So

let's make the most of this beau - ti - ful day,

since we're to-geth-er we might as well say: Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

Please won't you be my neigh - bor?