



Welcome to Worship

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Holy Communion
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"A Pastoral Duo"
(D. Lasky)

Oxana Khramova

Ring of the Bell

***Call to Worship** (*Rise in body, mind, or spirit)

One: God of love, you meet us in mystery.

All: Help us to bear your grace.

One: God of abundance, you meet us in our need.

All: Help us to bear your grace.

One: God of power, you pour your blessing into us.

All: Help us to share your grace. Amen.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Loving God, our hearts are the little loaves and fishes of your presence in us. By the mystery of your Spirit in us, multiply them. Feed us with your grace. We are hungry. We are listening. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Hymnal #411

Readings

Matthew 14:13-21; Contemporary Reading "Logos" by Mary Oliver

Kristen Billingsley

Anthem

"Sweet By and By"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Face to Face"

Pastor René Mehlberg

Transitional Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal #404

Prayers of the People

Offertory

"Your Name"
(P. Baloché and G. Packiam, arr. Ph. Keveren)

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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

Our 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.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Leader: Please join me in the words of institution over the bread:

People: When he was among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you."

Servers will pass this gluten free bread among you. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone is Served. We will eat the bread together, as a symbol of our unity, a world-wide Christian community.

Distribution Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymnal #513

Leader: Please join me in the words of institution over the wine:

People: In the same way, Jesus took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my life and my death. Take this-all of you-to remember me."

Servers will pass the juice and wine among you. The juice is dark red; the wine is white. Drink the cup as soon as you have been served in recognition of your individual relationship to God.

Distribution Hymn:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

SoF #82

***Prayer of Gratitude (in unison)**

Gracious God, we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup that feed our bodies and nourish our souls. May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded. Though we have been fed today at the table, may we still walk away hungry for justice, working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Take My Life"
(verses 1-4)

Hymnal 391

***Benediction**

***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

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

Oxana Khramova

*The flowers today are in celebration of the upcoming birthday of Jim Collins
on August 11th from his mother Lyn Collins*

Credits

- Liturgy pieces from Garnaas-Holmes, Steve. "Worship Resources – Unfolding Light." Unfolding Light. Accessed July 8, 2026. <https://unfoldinglight.net/worship-resources/>.
- Laurence, James, ed. "Logos by Mary Oliver" My Pastoral Ponderings, July 20, 2020. <https://mypastoralponderings.com/2020/07/30/logos-by-mary-oliver/>.
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This Week

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30pm: Roundtable (FH)

Thursday, August 6, 6-8pm: GROWW (Rm 1)

Saturday, August 8: Liz Strachan's funeral (12:30pm visitation and 1:30pm funeral)

Sunday, August 9, 10:00am: Outdoor Service in Wilson Park (No early service)

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 their 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 disability;

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.

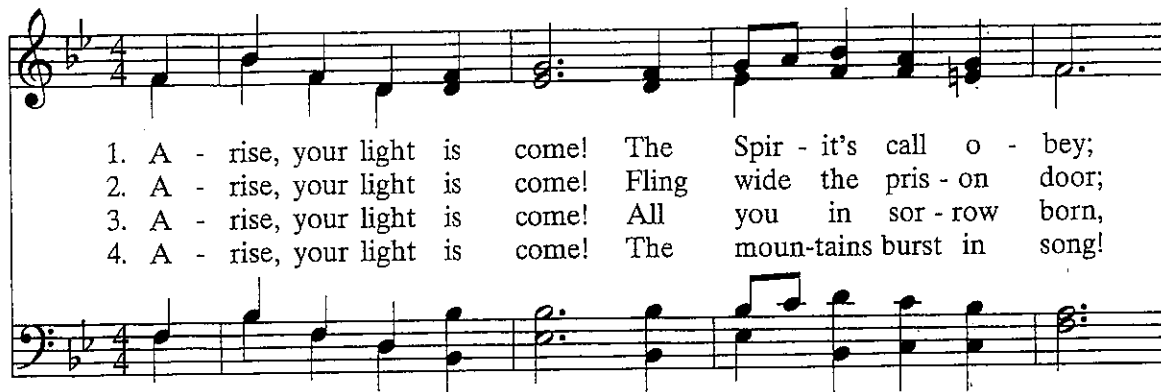
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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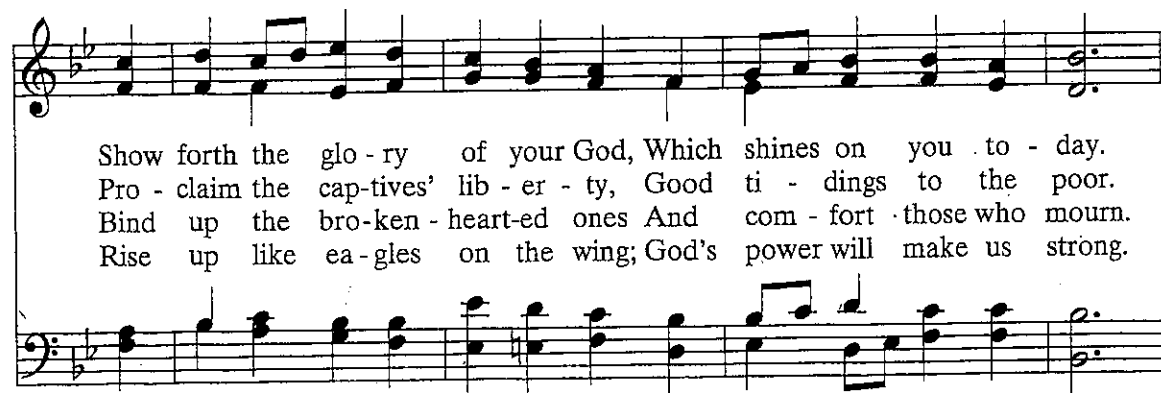
FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my



tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my



on to the light; Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)
 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be gin with me;
Let peace be gin with me; let this be the mo ment now.



let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be My sol emn row.



With God our cre - a - tor, chil dren all are we.
to take each mo ment and live each mo ment in peace e ter nal ly.



Let us walk with each oth er - in per - fect har - mo - ny.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be gin with me.



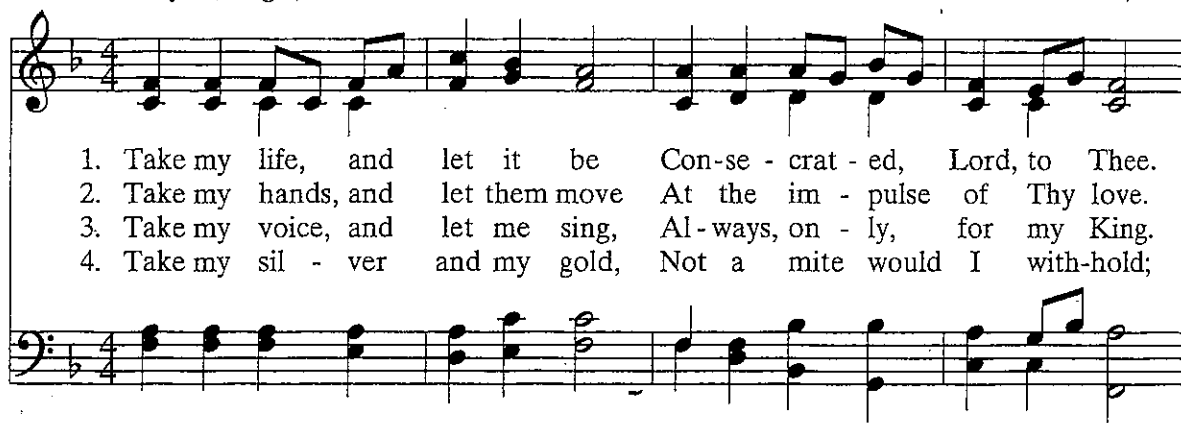
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Take My Life

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Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

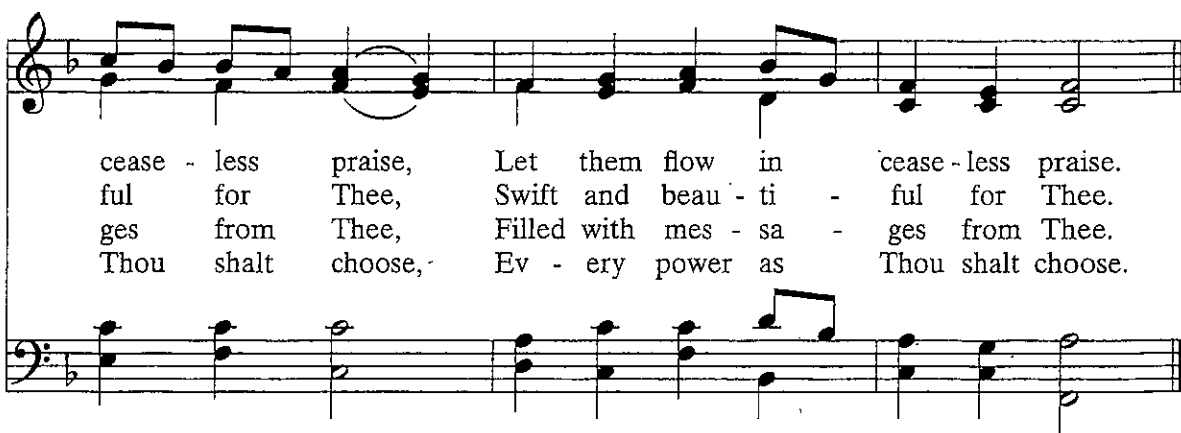
H. A. César-Malan, 1827



1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as



cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.