



## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude/Candle Lighting**

"Reflection"  
(M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

**Ring of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship** (\*Stand if you are able)

Leader: We are made for belonging

**All: and we thank you for this community.**

Leader: We need human connection

**All: and we thank you for this community.**

Leader: As we live in human relationships, messy as they are,

**All: guide us beyond radical welcome to graceful acceptance of all of God's beloveds.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

God of connection and community, open us to possibilities as we continue to live and love as Jesus did. May we see the whole of our mission and how each piece, everyone's passion fits together. No matter if we are a smooth puzzle or a jagged mosaic, we must work together, led by you and the Holy Spirit, to help find the lost and care for those in need. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Hymnal #434

**Readings**

Ellen Ochs

Ruth 1:6-18, 22; Luke 15:1-10; Lost Sheep by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**Anthem**

"Be the Change"  
(M. Kaplan and C. Britt)

Chancel Choir

**Sermon**

"A New Season... for Community! ... for Connection!"

Pastor  
René Mehlberg

**Transitional Music**

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

SoF #36

**Prayers of the People**

## 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.**

## Offertory

**"Jesus Loves Me"**  
(W. Bradbury, C. Debussy, arr. F. Bock)

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)

**Generous One, for the blessings and bounty you have given us, we give back to you to help the lost, the hungry, the hurting, the forsaken. Guide us in stewarding these gifts for all your children, near and far, to experience connection, community, and love. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn

**"We Are Marching"**

attached

## \*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

**"Come to Jesus"**  
(Ch. Rice, arr. C. Tornquist)

Oxana Khramova

*The flowers today are from the Kids Club who gathered for a fun time during the summer church camp experimenting with water, color and osmosis and also creating the lovely banner hanging in our sanctuary today.*

## Credits

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## This Week

**Monday, September 15, 6pm:** Jonah Board meeting, R1

**Tuesday, September 16, 11:30am:** Church Council, R1

**Wednesday, September 17, 9am:** Thursday's Table meeting, R1

**Wednesday, September 17:** 5:30pm Chancel Choir; 6:30pm Bell Choir

**Saturday, September 20, 10am:** Braver Angels workshop, FH

**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.

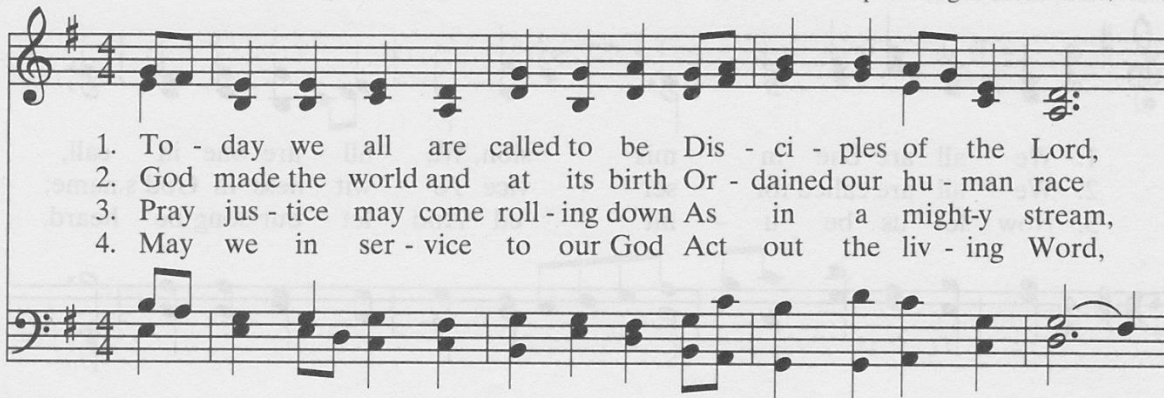
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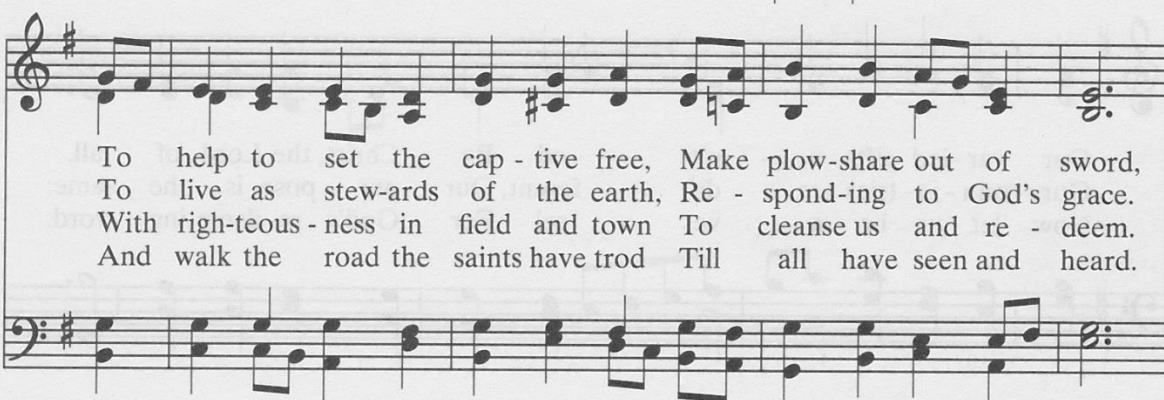
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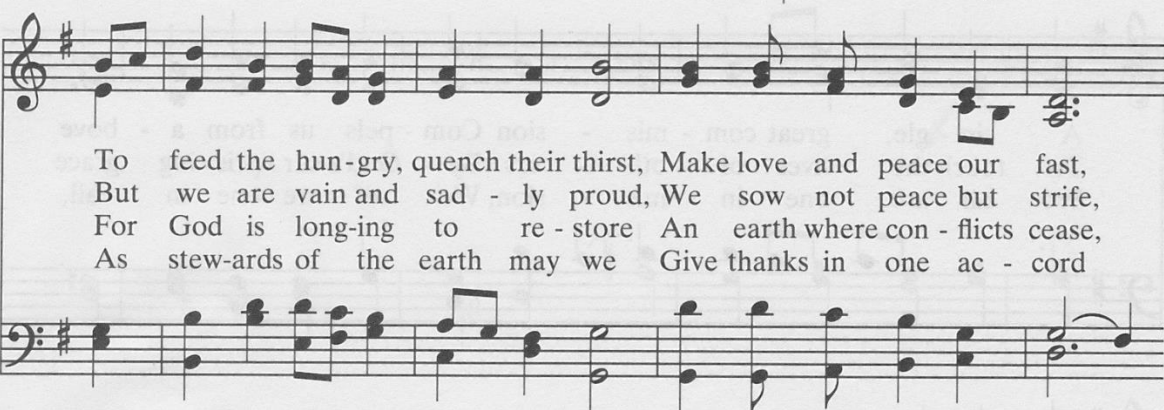
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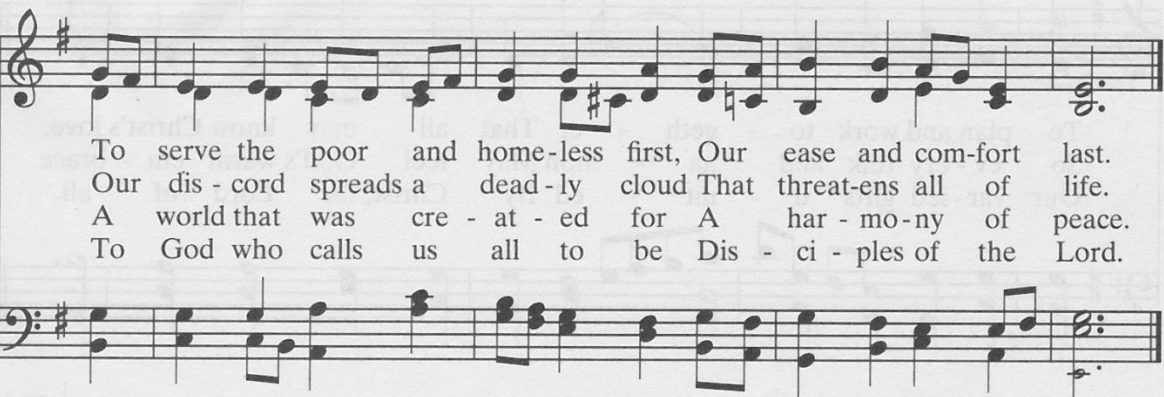
1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,  
 2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race  
 3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,  
 4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,



To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,  
 To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.  
 With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.  
 And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.



To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,  
 But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,  
 For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,  
 As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord



To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.  
 Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.  
 A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.  
 To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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# Dona Nobis Pacem

① Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa -

② cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

③ Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

This song with Latin text, is often sung as a canon or round. The words, which mean "Grant us peace", part of the Agnus Dei from the Roman Catholic Latin Mass.

**Dona Nobis Pacem.** Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In the Public Domain.

# Siyahamba/We are marching

Additional verses: dancing, singing, praying

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar-ching in the light of God

We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are mar-ching in the light of the God.

light of God. We are mar-ching mar-ching we are mar-ching mar-ching we are

mar-ching in the light of the light of God. We are mar-ching mar-ching we are

mar-ching mar-ching we are mar-ching in the light of God.