



## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude/Candle Lighting

"To a Wild Rose"  
(Ed. McDowell, arr. Ger. Alphenaar)

Oxana Khramova

### Ring of the Bell

#### \*Call to Worship (\*Stand as you are able)

Leader: Come, Christ Jesus, Come

**All: You who welcome all, from all the world**

Leader: Come, Christ Jesus

**All: Come to greet us now**

Leader: We come as we are from every race and love and gender

**All: To build your house our home.**

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

God of creation and change, we thank you for calling us by name. We remember how you changed the names of many called to do your work. Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Peter and Paul all journeyed with you and became new creations. In renaming them you recreated their lives, as you recreate us anew each day. Amen.

### Opening Hymn

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

Hymnal #414

### Readings

Psalm 139:7-18; Luke 21:5-19; "Not the End" By Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Ellen Ochs

### Anthem

"Mixolydian Gloria"  
(Remel Derrick)

Chancel Choir

### Message

"Together in the Apocalypse"

Pastor René Mehlberg

### Transitional Music

"Come Father-Mother, Friend and Guide"

SoF #28

### 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.**

**Speaker**

**"Together for Tomorrow"**

**Sandra Lindow**

## \*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 the hungry, hurting, and homeless; you are with them and in them. May we steward these gifts to serve those most in need for food, shelter, clothing and for all your children to experience care, connection, community, and love. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**"This Is My Song / Finlandia"**

**SoF #138**

## \*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**

**"This Is My Song"  
(J. Sibelius, arr. M. Hayes)**

**Oxana Khramova**

*The flowers today are to thank all the people who tended the gardens around our church this past growing season and who participated in the spring and fall clean up days.*

## Credits

- Call to Worship from Inkpin, Rev. Josephine. A liturgy for the Transgender Day of ... Accessed November 12, 2025. [https://www.transspirit.org/uploads/2/5/8/6/25866243/a\\_liturgy\\_for\\_the\\_transgender\\_day\\_of\\_remembrance.pdf](https://www.transspirit.org/uploads/2/5/8/6/25866243/a_liturgy_for_the_transgender_day_of_remembrance.pdf).
- Opening Prayer from Trans Day of Remembrance Liturgy | Student Christian Movement. Accessed November 12, 2025. <https://www.movement.org.uk/resources/trans-day-remembrance-liturgy>.
- Garnaas-Holmes, Steve. "Unfolding Light." Unfolding Light – Daily Reflections and Worship Resources, November 12, 2025. <https://unfoldinglight.net/>.
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## This Week

**Tuesday, November 18, 11:30am:** Church Council, R1

**Tuesday, November 18, 4pm:** Early Service Planning Committee, R1

**Wednesday, November 19, 9am:** Thursday's Table Committee, R1

**Wednesday, November 19: 4pm** Kid's Club; **5:30pm;** Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir

**Thursday, November 20, 9am-12pm:** Tour of Homes crafts, TBA

**Saturday, November 22, 1pm:** Memorial Service for Hugh Williamson

**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.

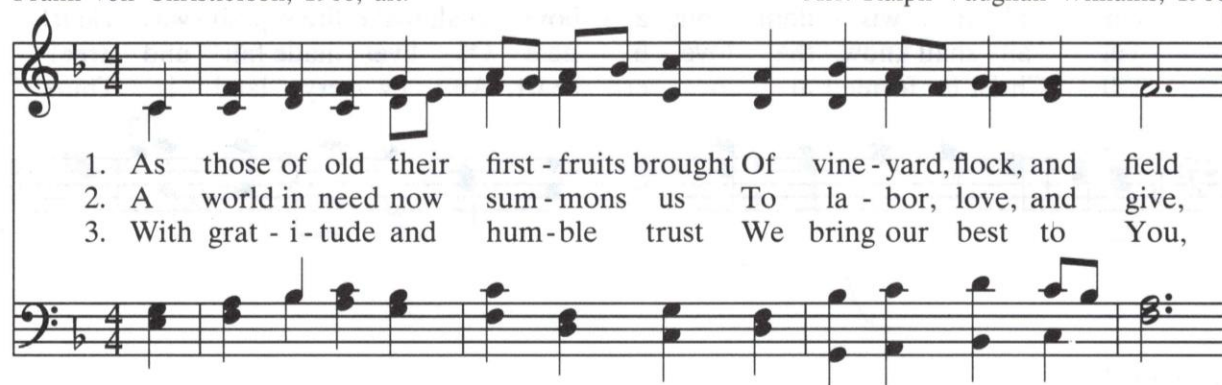
# 414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

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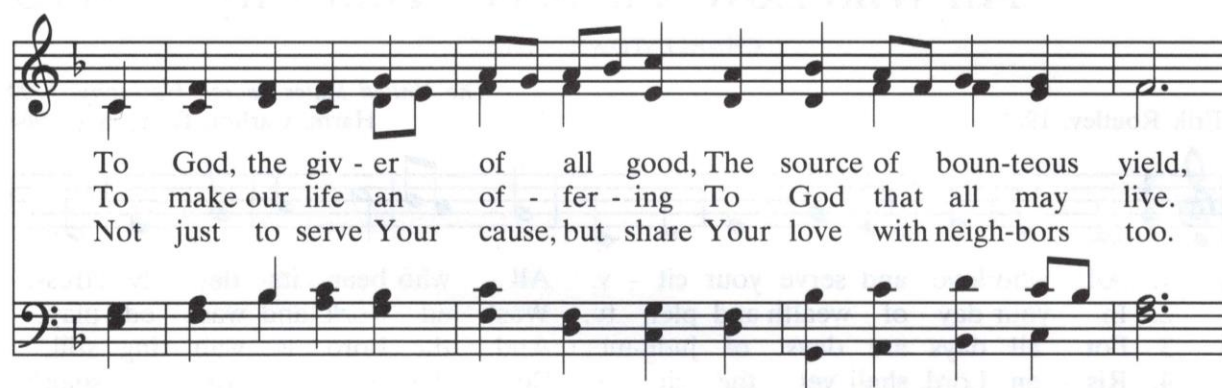
English folk melody

Frank von Christierson, 1960; alt.

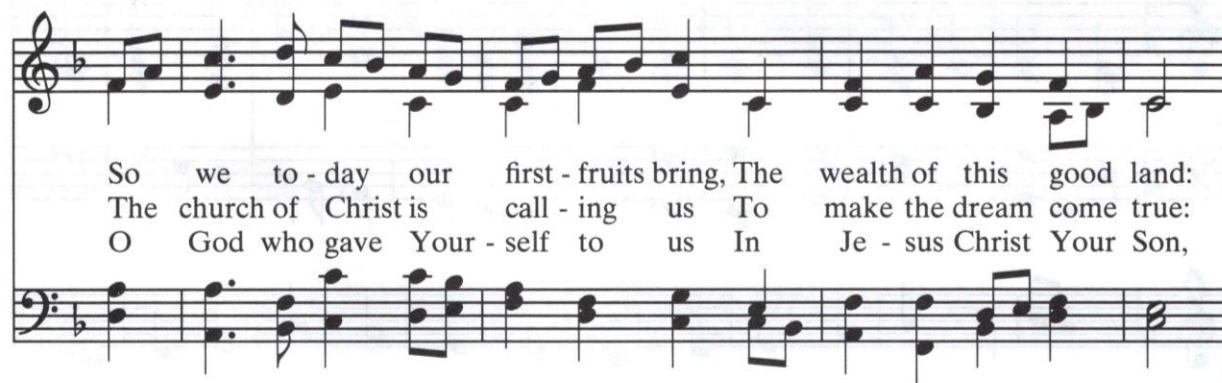
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. As those of old their first - fruits brought Of vine - yard, flock, and field  
2. A world in need now sum - mons us To la - bor, love, and give,  
3. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust We bring our best to You,



To God, the giv - er of all good, The source of boun - teous yield,  
To make our life an of - fer - ing To God that all may live.  
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neigh - bors too.



So we to - day our first - fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:  
The church of Christ is call - ing us To make the dream come true:  
O God who gave Your - self to us In Je - sus Christ Your Son,



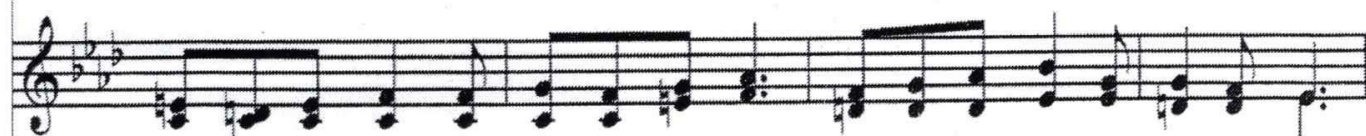
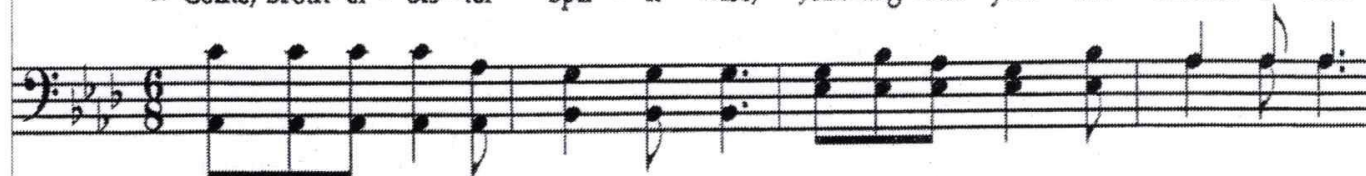
Of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.  
A world re - deemed by Christ - like love, All life in Christ made new.  
Help us to give our - selves each day Un - til life's work is done.



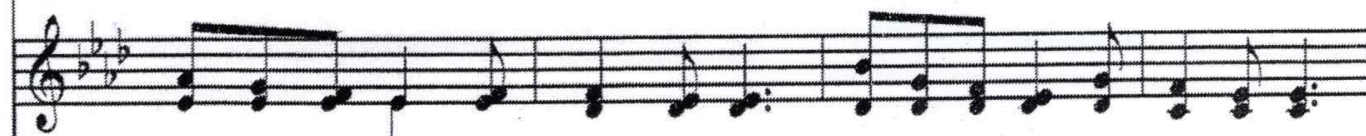
# Come Father-Mother, Friend and Guide



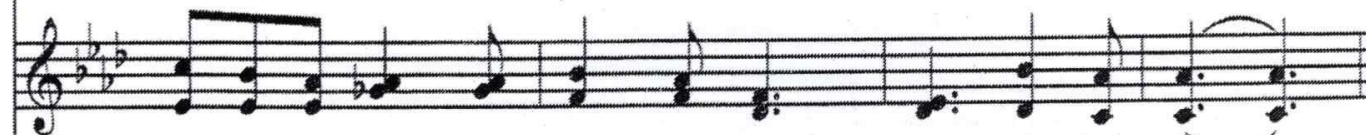
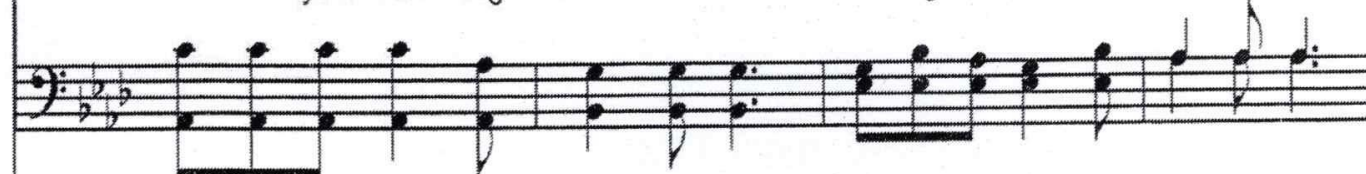
1. Come, Fa - ther - Moth - er, Friend and Guide; Giv - er of Life, with us a - bide.
2. Bread of new Life, our strength each day, Light of the World, show us the way;
3. Come, Broth - er - Sis - ter Spir - it wise; Join - ing with you our dreams a - rise.



O - pen our minds to all you pro-claim, O Ho - ly One of man - y names.  
Rock of all a - ges on whom we stand, Give us fresh hope in wea - ry lands.  
Made in your im - age, we can be free, Grow - ing to be all we can be.



Come with your heal - ing streams of Love, Mov - ing with - in us and a - bove;

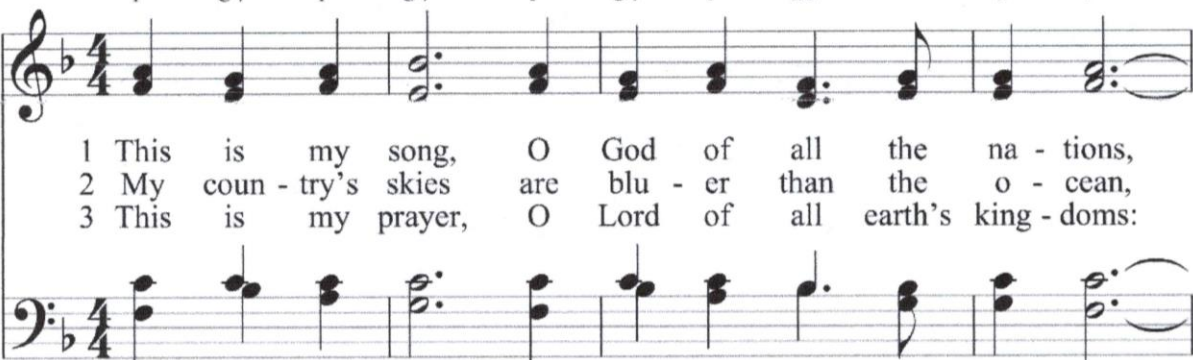


Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav - enly Dove, Pow - er Di - vine.



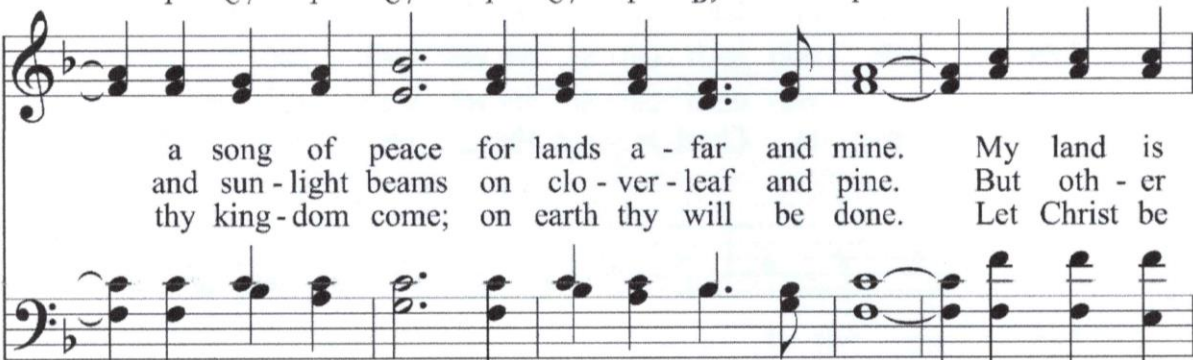
# This Is My Song/Finlandia

F C7 F C7 F C7 F B $\flat$  C F



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

F C7 F C7 F C7 F B $\flat$  F



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. My land is  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine. But oth - er  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be

Dm F/A C Gm D Gm F



home, the coun - try where my heart is: a land of hopes, of  
 lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -  
 lift - ed up till all shall serve him, and hearts u - nit - ed

B $\flat$  Gm6 A F Dm F/A C



dreams, of grand de - sign; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
 where as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the  
 learn to live as one. Oh, hear my prayer, thou God of all the



C Gm F#dim Gm F C7 F Bb F

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
na - tions. My - self I give thee; let thy will be done. A-men.

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