



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Did You Think to Pray"
(W. Perkins, arr. M. Bailey)

Oxana Khramova

Ring of the Bell

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

Leader: Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets, challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

All: Help us to hear your urgent call.

Leader: Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good, challenging us to work for reconciliation.

All: Help us to see your way of truth and love.

Leader: With us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action, challenging us to live the Good News.

All: Help us to respond wholeheartedly, here and now – to say Yes! Amen.

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Just and merciful God, we glimpse your presence in your world. Yet we see power misused, hatred, and refusal to forgive. We feel helpless in the face of suffering. May we remember your presence where people of good will choose to live in your way, caring for creation and each other, courageously speaking truth to power. You are present in this broken world wherever hope is alive. Thank you, God, for being present with us now and always. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Brighter than the Sun"

SoF #15

Readings

Jeremiah 8:4, 8-12

Luke 18:9-14

"Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann

Marian Ellison

Special Music

"Tambourin"
(A. E. Gétry)

Lilah Barneson, Dean Langby

Sermon "A New Season... for Peace" Pastor René Mehlberg

Transitional Music "Peace Like a River" SoF #106

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Mother, 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" Kristen Billingsley

***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 creation and your children to experience care, connection, community, and love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" Hymnal #467
(verses 1,2, and 4)

***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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Oxana Khramova
(Martin Luther)

Credits

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This Week

Wednesday, October 29: 4pm Kid's Club; **5:30pm** Chancel Choir; **6:30pm** Bell Choir

Thursday, October 30: 9am-12pm: Tour of Homes crafts, R1

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.

Brighter than the Sun

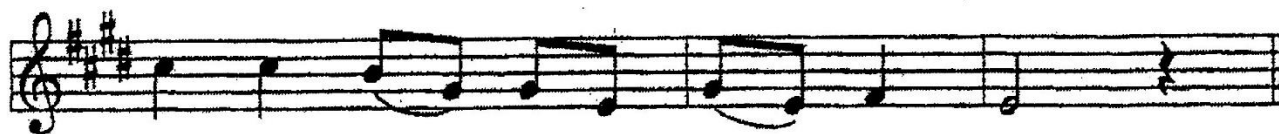
Refrain



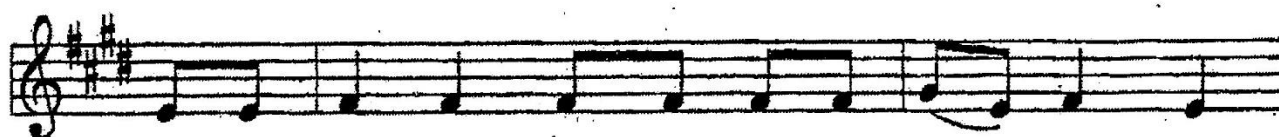
Bright - er, bright-er than the sun is the can - dle of the



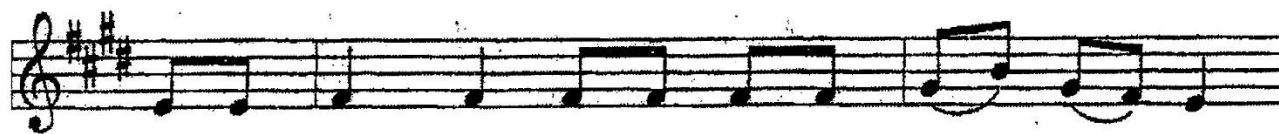
Ho - ly One. Big - ger, big-ger than the sea are the



waves of God wash - ing o - ver me.



1 Gon-na light my can - dle from the ho - ly flame
2 Gon-na meet God's chil - dren at the foun - tain of life,
3 Gon-na gath - er 'round and gon - na wel - come in

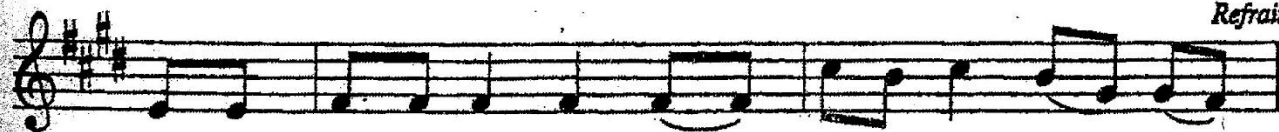


of the one that's bright-er than ... my ... own name.
where the word and the wa - ter and the Lord ... Je - sus Christ
ev - 'ry child to be and ev - 'ry one who's ev - er been.



Gon-na wash my bod - y in the ho - ly sea,
make a new cre - a - tion out of ev - 'ry one:
Gon-na breathe to - geth - er with this spark of life:

Refrain



in the wat - er of life that's ... big-ger than me. Oh,—
Ho - ly Spir - it of love, let the wa - ters run. Oh,—
Ho - ly Spir - it of God, make our flame burn bright. Oh,—

Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1.
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

2.
 soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Swedish folk melody

Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shin mo dun seh geh Nae ma um
 2. Soop sok ee nah hum hahn sahn gol jjak eh suh Jee juh gee

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

so geh geu ree uh bol ttae Ha neul eh byul ool
 nun juh sae so ree deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu

all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from

lyuh paw jee nun nweh sung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan
 reu nun see nae moo reun Joo nim eh som ssee no rae ha doh

hear the *roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle

Hooryum Refrain

neh Joo nim eh nop go wee dae ha shim ul
 dah

played; Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee,
 breeze;

Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nop go
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

wee dae ha shim eul Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh
Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. Joo ha nah nim tok seng ja ak kim up see
Oo ree rul wee hae ddang eh bo nae uh
Seep ja ga eh pee heul lyuh juk keh ha sa
Nae mo dun chway rul goo sok ha shun neh
Hooryum
3. And when I think that God, His Son
not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

4. Nae joo Ye su seh sahng eh dah see ol ttae
Juh chun goo geu ro nal in doh ha ree
Na kyum son hee up deu ryuh kyung
bae ha myuh
Young won hee joo rul chan yahng ha ree rah
Hooryum
4. When Christ shall come with shout
of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall
fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God,
how great Thou art!
Refrain

*Original English words were "works" and "mighty."