



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Nearer My God To Thee"
(S. Adams and L. Mason, arr. M. Bailey)

Oxana Khramova

Ringling of the Bell

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

Leader: We must remember: Our current location

All: doesn't need to define our final destination.

Leader: We dream of what God's Beloved Community can be

All: as we must also do the work to make it happen.

Leader: God, show up in our dreams, guiding our hands and feet

All: to make this a world full of love, justice, peace, and equity.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Good and gracious God, we dream of a world where everyone is fed, clothed, and safely housed; where there is peace, safety, and love for all. Encourage and empower us to do what needs to be done to make that dream a reality. When our dreams are dashed or shattered, breathe new life into us to pick up the pieces to begin again. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Hymnal #267

Readings

Dawn Ascher

Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11

Excerpt from "Strength for the Struggle" by Joseph Ellwanger

Special Music

"Vocalise"
(S. Rachmaninoff)

Lydia Miller and Oxana Khramova

Sermon

"Dreaming as Resistance"

Pastor René Mehlberg

Transitional Music

"Dream God's Dream"

SoF #38

Prayers of the People

Offertory

"Allegro assai from Sonata no. 3 in C major"
(J.S. Bach)

Lydia Miller

*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

Now we set aside the common for an uncommon purpose as we prepare for Holy Communion, the family meal of Christ's people. In this meal, we remember the life, teaching, witness, and death of Jesus. We celebrate his continued life among us. We remind one another that we are called to participate in Jesus' Way of extravagant welcome and service. Come prepared to be blessed. Come because God has food for you. Come because Jesus invites you...just as you are.

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

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth; the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally...
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

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

In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, gracious God, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your kin-dom. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "This Is My Song/Finlandia" Hymnal #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 "The Lover's Waltz" Lydia Miller and Dean Langby
(J. Ungar)

*The flowers today are in celebration of the birth of Leopold Rivera Johnson on June 26th.
"Leo" is the son of Jocelyn and Evan Johnson, grandson of Brian and Windy Hagaman and great grandson of Margy and Joe Hagaman. Congratulation to all!*

Credits

- Call to Worship and Opening Prayer inspired by Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day by Kaitlin B. Curtice, Grand Rapids, MI; Brazos Press 2023.
- Joseph W. Ellwanger, Strength for the Struggle: Insights from the Civil Rights Movement and Urban Ministry (Milwaukee, WI: MavenMark Books, 2014), 100-103.
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This Week

Monday, July 7, 4:30-6:30: Pamela Wesolek Art Show, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 8, 11:30: Executive Committee, Room 1

Thursday, July 10, 10am: Mission Committee, Room 1

Friday, July 11, 10am: Refugia, Room 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.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

English melody, 17th century
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915
Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

Fine

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

**Repeat Refrain.*

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Dream God's Dream

Bryan Sirchio

Dream God's dream! Ho-ly Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is

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jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to build and grow an love, and to sim - ply have e -

12
Last Time to Coda Φ
nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream. 1.I'm 2.I'm 3.I'm

19
dream - ing of a world where the col - or of one's skin will mean less than what's with -
dream - ing o the call God is of - fer - ing to me, how to use my en - er -
dream - ing of the way that I want my life to go. I've got hope and I've got

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in the per - son's heart. A world where wa - ter's clean and where air is safe to
gy and my best gifts. to do the work of Christ to say God, please use my
goals I'd like to meet. I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I won't for - get the

30
breathe. And ev - 'ry chi - ld born has e - nough to
life to of spread Your heal - ing to love show and to the live dream's Your
scars of Christ who died to show that the dream's for

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eat. truth. all. dream.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual

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;)

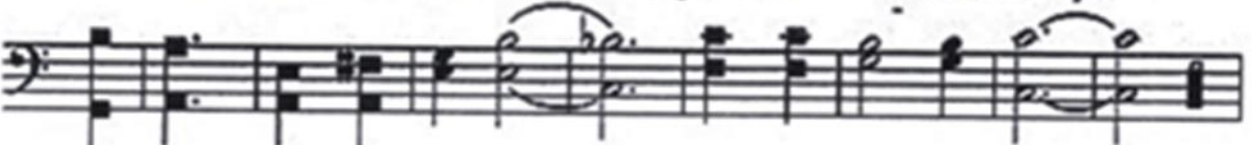
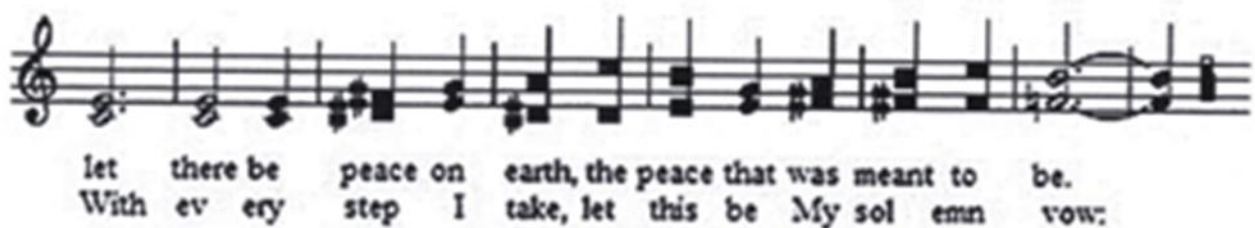
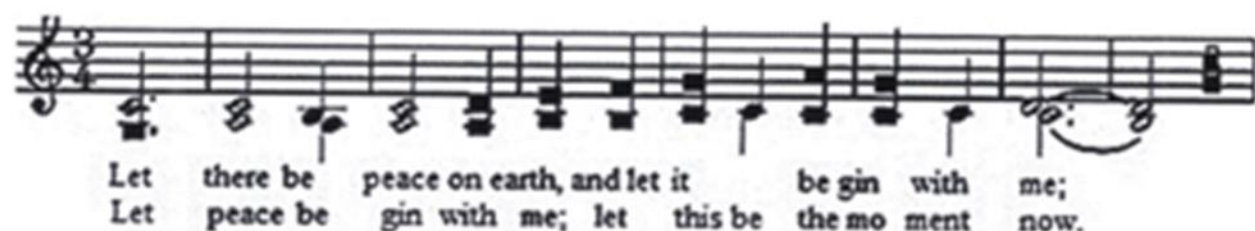
Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)

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



This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, _____ a song of peace for
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, _____ and sun - light beams on

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 lands a - far and mine. _____ This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is _____
 clo - ver leaf and pine; _____ But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver, _____

13
 _____ here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; _____ But oth - er hearts in
 _____ and skies are ev - very - where as blue as mine. _____ O hear my song, O

19
 oth - er lands are beat - ing _____ with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 God of all the na - tions, _____ a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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