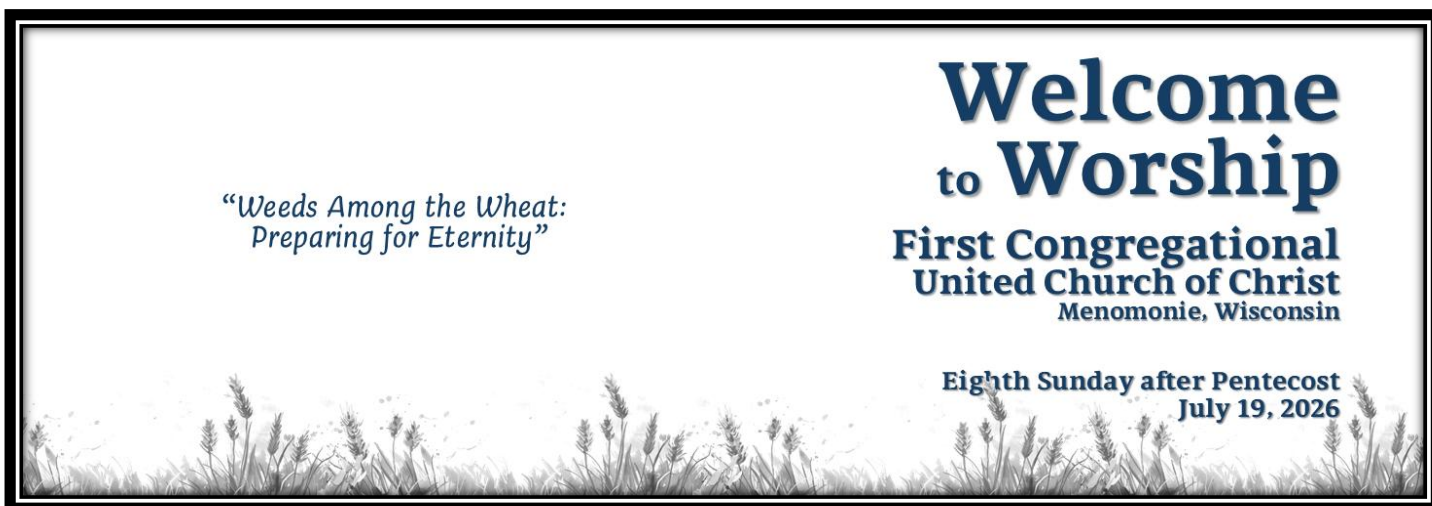




Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting

"Jesus Paid It All"
(arr. M. Hayes)

Oxana Khramova

Ringling of the Bell

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

One: Loving God, Infinite parent, you birth us and claim us.

All: We are in awe, and we praise you.

One: Gentle Christ, you love us and walk beside us.

All: We are made new, and we thank you.

One: Holy Spirit, you breathe your life into us and re-create us each moment.

All: We are your children, and we live in your love. We worship with praise and thanksgiving.

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Holy God, Infinite Love, Intimate Lover, Faithful One, we come from you. We rest in you. We listen for you. Open our hearts to your presence. Open our ears to your Word. Open our arms to your children. Open our future to your grace. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Help Us accept Each Other"

Hymnal #358

Readings

Sherry Bernick

Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Contemporary reading is Wheat Among the Weeds by Steve Garnass-Holmes

Special Music

"God is Still Speaking"
(Heather Jerrie)

Heather Jerrie

If you appreciated the song God is Still Speaking, you might want to watch the video: [God Is Still Speaking](#)
(some of the slides were donated by church members, so you may see people you know!)
Check it out on the e-news.

Sermon

"Weeds Among the Wheat"

Karen Miller

Transitional Hymn

"The Lone, Wild Bird"

Hymnal #320

Prayers of the People

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these prayers for the needs of the church and the world.

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 Invitation

We were created of good seed in God's own image that we might bear fruit a hundredfold, so let us bring an abundant harvest for God's kingdom.

Offertory

"Lead Me on"
(Heather Jerrie)

Heather Jerrie

*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)

May these gifts plant seeds of justice for God's children who seek it; may they remind us to love more mercifully; may all walk humbly as we learn to tread gently upon this earth. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Canticle of Turning"

SoF #20

*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

"God Will Make a Way"
(Don Moen)

Oxana Khramova

The flowers today are in celebration of Anna Win's 14th birthday which was on July 12th. Anna is Doris Win's granddaughter and Emily Win's niece. She lives in Princeton, NJ and will enter HS there in the fall.

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This Week

Tuesday, July 21, 4pm: Executive Committee, R1

Link to the full church calendar: <https://www.menomonieucc.org/monthlycalendar>

Fred Kaan, 1975

Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,

Teach us as sis - ter, broth-er, Each per - son to em-brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

The Lone, Wild Bird

PROSPECT LM

As in *Twelve Folksongs and Spirituals*, 1968

Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925; alt.

Harm. David N. Johnson, 1968

C7 F Dm Gm B $\flat$ Am C7 Dm F B $\flat$ Dm Gm B $\flat$

1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight Is still with Thee, nor
 2. The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The sea's dark deep and

Am C7 F F F C7 F Gm

leaves Thy sight. And I am Thine! I rest in
 far - off land.

Dm F B $\flat$ Gm B $\flat$ Am C7 F

Thee. Great Spir - it, come, and rest in me.

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Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
depths of the past to the end of the age to
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line, ending with a double bar line.

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