

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Candle Lighting "Shenandoah" Bell Choir (Hal Hopson)

Ringing of the Bell

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

Leader: We are here because of the lives of our ancestors.

All: We give thanks for their lives and their legacy.

Leader: Our history and heritage is often complex, with twists and turns, and knotty family

trees:

All: and we are all part of God's expansive, inclusive family.

Leader: Today we reflect on the past as we live in the present,

All: and to do our part for an even better tomorrow for all!

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow; we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses and many living saints as well. You prophetically guided our ancestors and us still today. May our hearts be open and our bodies able to do the work you are calling us to for your faithful to be together for generations to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymnal #551

Reading Sally Conklin

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Anthem "Hymn of Promise" Chancel Choir

(Natalie Sleeth)

Message "Together for Tomorrow" Rev. Andrew Warner

Transitional Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" Hymnal #554

Prayers of the People / Totenfest

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.

Speakers "Together for Tomorrow" Cody Family

Offertory "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Oxana Khramova

(arr. M. Hayes)

*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 all; for the gifts given us, we give thanks. For the sharing we do, we give thanks. For the ways we share your love in this world, we give thanks. As you poured your love and care upon those most in need, lead us to do so as well. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Go to the World" attached

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 "For All the Saints" Oxana Khramova (arr. M. Hayes)

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This Week

Tuesday, November 25, 9am-3pm: Blood Drive, FH

Thursday, November 27: Office is closed for Thanksgiving Day

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

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Sung Benediction (unison)

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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