



October 18, 2020

9:30 am

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**GREETINGS** to our friends from **First Congregational United Church of Christ in Janesville** who are joining us in worship this morning. No matter where you are on life's journey—Zoom, Facebook—you are welcome here!

*If you are joining us via Zoom, please note that text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.”

Isaiah 14:7-32

**Each fall our stewardship moments offer us time to prayerfully reflect on how we Be Church, caring for God's gifts—our people, building, legacy funds, and community—in this time and place.** This year's stewardship campaign *Beloved, Love* continues with a witness to the time, talent, and treasures of our congregation.

**Week 1, Oct. 11:** The 2020 Faith and Service awards were presented to Lynn Hilgers and Sarah Fritz

**Week 2, Oct. 18:** We will hear from a newer member of Memorial UCC on the importance of this faith community in her life

**Week 3, Oct. 25:** A family will share why joyful giving is a part of their stewardship commitment

**Week 4, Nov. 1:** A person with a life-long affiliation in the United Church of Christ shares insight into the gifts she has given to Memorial, and the blessings she receives in return.

*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7*

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

## Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

**One:** Through prayer and practice, we pursue what is just, what is true, what is kind.

**All:** With each new day, we hope for Love to lead us.

**One:** With discernment, we wade bravely into the struggles of life together.

**All:** We yearn for wisdom that satisfies.

**One:** Persistently, faithfully, relentlessly, we keep our gaze set upon righteousness.

**All:** Determined in hope, may the Holy be our firm foundation.

## Opening Prayer

**Beloved One, in the midst of worrisome and troubled days, we seek refuge in your presence. In your care, we find a place to tend our fears and air our grief, to hold our anger, and to renew our passion for collective good. Draw us near to you, O God, and meet us as we are with your restorative love. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Time with Children: A Story

Amanda Bosky

Special Music

Reflection

Beloved, Love: Great Hope

Pastor Kris

## SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

## Prayers of the People

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)*

## Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father, 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> Today's order of worship is adapted from "Liturgy That Matters, October 18, 2020." Enfleshed, 2020.

## **Beloved, Love: Stewardship Moment**

### **Virtual Offering**

*Thank you to those who regularly give electronically. We understand that the pandemic impacts each of us in unique ways. Note that Memorial UCC has a NEW opportunity for you to give via PayPal! You can give securely via charge card, debit card, and direct withdrawal donations. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure and you do not even need to have a PayPal account to use the service to make single, one-time donations. [CLICK HERE](#) to give.*

*Checks can be mailed directly to the church. Indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community wide nonprofit partners. If you are interested in our monthly automatic withdrawal system, please email John Van Overbeke at [jvanoverbe@aol.com](mailto:jvanoverbe@aol.com) and he will get you signed up.*

### **Offertory**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Redemption, by your grace we learn to perceive differently. Where we once justified our complicity with evil, you set us on a new path. With humility, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply. To refine our love. To release all that keeps us from the great re-ordering of things and the Kin-dom come on earth. With thanks and determination, we bring our gifts to you: Our time, talent, and treasures. Amen.**

#### **GOING OUT TO THE WORLD**

**Song for Going Out #7    All People Who on Earth Do Dwell<sup>2</sup>    verses 1, 2 & 4**

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;  
Delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,  
Who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.**

**Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,  
Whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

### **Benediction**

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<sup>2</sup> Attrib to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561); Tune: Old Hundredth. *New Century Hymnal* #7.

## Postlude

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**Worship Leaders:** Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Amanda Bosky Pastor Kris

Readers: Marty Smith and Jill Carlson

Virtual Usher: Steve Gorton



### ***Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!***

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.

**Conversation Starter:** Zoom randomly assigns our small groups. This will be an opportunity for members and friends of both First Congregational and Memorial UCC to get to know each other. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself (include which congregation you attend) and then tell the group one thing that caught your attention during the worship service.

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