



**~ Welcome Visitors! ~**

*We are glad that you chose to join us for worship this morning. We hope that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you will feel welcome here.*

**Guide to the bulletin:** *As you follow along in our worship service today, here are a few cues for using this bulletin. An asterisk (\*) indicates that those gathered are invited to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal in the holder by your pew chair.*

**Children:** *Children are always welcome here. If you want to have your younger children (ages 0-4) taken care of during the service, we have a nursery available at 9:30 a.m. To better serve members, friends, visitors, and our staff, we ask that you use the SignUpGenius link in the eNews to sign-up for your child(ren) each week. Staff will not be present if no one is signed up for the nursery room on a particular Sunday. However, the room will still be available to families. If you prefer, your children are welcome to stay with you through the worship service, or they may attend our Sunday School.*

**You can read more about today's activities at Memorial UCC in the announcements on the last page of the bulletin.**

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

***I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing***

Anthony Giamanco

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

***Gather Us In***

Marty Haugen

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

**One:** Come Holy Spirit—Speak in a dialect our hearts understand.

**All: Come Holy Spirit—**

**One:** Bless us with the gifts we need to co-labor towards justice.

**All: Come Holy Spirit—**

**One:** Make vivid our dreams about the ways of radical care.

**All: Come Holy Spirit—**

**One:** Pour your vitality over our lives.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Fiery God, burn down systems of power that demean and destruct!**

**Rage with us like a mighty wind when people are made vulnerable and are not protected! Speak the language of interdependence to our hearts, that we might not be stuck in despair but empowered towards co-creating the Kin-dom of God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You***

NCH 4 vss 1, 2, & 3

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**First Bible Reading**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**Special Music**

***Sweet Rivers***

Shawn Kirchner

**Second Bible Reading**

**Acts 2:1-12**

**Message for All**

Baptism of Jacob Rausch

Pastor Kris

***Rejoice! May the Lord bless you and shower you with the love of Christ.***

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<sup>1</sup> Molly Bolton, "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection," enfleshed, May 28, 2023, <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.

## Family Covenant

### Congregational Covenant

**Pastor Kris:** Will you, who form the community of love in which Jacob will grow in his faith, keep this family in your hearts and prayers and give them an example of faith, hope and love that they may see in you the kind of life God intends for us all?

**ALL:** We promise our love, support, and care.

## Reflection

## *Happening Here!*

Pastor Kris

### I Read It in The Bible

(a.k.a. Confirmation Blues)

(Michael)

The sky started rainin' 40 days and  
40 nights

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Noah built and big boat and made  
it watertight

(Noah)

Moses was a leader. He led the  
Israelites.

Moses was a leader. He led the  
Israelites.

He led them all away from Pharoah  
and all his might.

(Evan and Sarah)

"Now David faced Goliath with  
only a sling and some stones.

Yeah, David faced that giant with  
only a sling and some stones.

And with God on his side, a victory  
he was shown."

(Sophia and Jeff)

I've got 5000 fishes, and 5000  
bread loaves too

I've got 5000 fishes, and 5000  
bread loaves too

And now I'm filled full cuz I ate  
God's good food.

(Kelly)

Jesus loves the children, all the  
saints and sinners too

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saints and sinners too

He commanded that you love one  
another as he loves you

(Kelly)

(It) doesnt matter what you look  
like, who you love, or what you  
wear

(It) doesnt matter what you look  
like, who you love, or what you  
wear

You deserve to be loved and  
accepted and treated with care.

(Kelly)

Well, a Canaanite woman helped  
Jesus to change his views

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Jesus to change his views

She convinced him his message  
was for ALL, not just for Jews

(Michael)

I read it in the bible; there's a  
message for me, and you

I read it in the bible, the words  
rang out so true

It tells us of God's great love for  
me and you

(Evan and Sarah)

Mary Magdalene was a follower of  
Christ;

Mary Magdalene was a follower of  
Christ;

She traveled with him and  
witnessed his sacrifice.

### **SHARING OUR LIVES**

**Call to Pray     *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

Ken Medema

### **Prayers of the People**

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-571-5870. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have a prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)*

### **Prayer of Jesus<sup>2</sup>**

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.**

**May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.**

**Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.**

**Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Confirmation and Blessing**

2023 confirmands: Sophia Dyer, Noah Estrella, and Evan Fritz

**Song #351**

***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

verse 1

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<sup>2</sup> ©Holy Wisdom Monastery

Let us pray: O God, on this day, we celebrate you. For you are God—a living, active God, every breathing forth new creations. We give you thanks for the gift of faith and are grateful for the many interests and passions you have given us. Especially this day, we thank you for the gift of the youth who stand ready to affirm their faith. We pray that you would pour out your Spirit on them. Strengthen them in their faith, speak to them words of hope, love, mercy, and forgiveness. Hear them when they call to you in prayer, and walk with them all the days of their lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Questions of the Candidates

## Act of Confirmation

Affirmation of Faith, NCH #886

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

## GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

\*Song for Going Out      *Dream God's Dream*

Sing! Prayer & Praise 120 vss 1 & 2

\*Benediction

\*Postlude      *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Anthony Giamanco

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## **Our Earth, "On Sacred Ground"**

As we gather here today, as a faith community in many different locations on this beautiful sacred ground on which our church building sits, we acknowledge that the land we occupy is the sacred ancestral homeland of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the 11 Tribes of Wisconsin.

In gratitude, we honor this land and the untold generations of its indigenous caretakers. Because of their stewardship, the rivers ran clean, the air was pure, and the trees and the land thrived. As we celebrate God's abundance and listen to the possibilities the seeds we will be planting have to teach us. As you progress in your life's journey, we invite you to protect the water, air, and land. To learn and honor the rich history of native cultures, ancient wisdom, the diversity of thought, and the call for an interconnected future. The Menominee Nation in Wisconsin is known worldwide for their Forest Restoration.

*"We Do Not Inherit the Land From Our Ancestors; we Borrow It From Our Children."* Chief Seattle

Memorial UCC's land acknowledgment written by Art Shegonee

**Worship Leaders:** Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Rebecca Malke (Dir of Faith Development), and Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Marty Smith and John Rosch

Lighting the Christ Candle: Volunteer needed

Ushers: Nancy Potter and Volunteer needed

Media Room: Jordan Baumgart

Camera Tech: Volunteer needed

Fellowship Hosts: Volunteers needed

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**Refreshments and Conversation:** Today, following worship, you are invited to stay for conversations and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Worship generally runs until around 10:30 a.m. or shortly after. Sunday school also runs until about 10:30 a.m. If the service goes over, students will rejoin you in worship. If it goes under, you can go to fellowship until Sunday School ends.

**Hearing Loop and Listening Devices:** For those who have hearing aids, Memorial UCC has a t-coil compatible hearing loop. Listening devices are also available for people who are hard of hearing. See an usher if you need assistance.



**Bathrooms:** There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you!



**Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities:**

Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during our morning office hours. Please indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community-wide nonprofit partners. Memorial UCC also offers an 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 need a PayPal account to use the service to make one-time or recurring donations. Visit [memorialucc.org](http://memorialucc.org) and click the "donate" button in the lower right-hand corner to make your gift. You can also scan the QR code here to be directed to our PayPal donations page.

Thank you to those who regularly give electronically. Checks can be mailed directly to the church. Please 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 Cathy Halpin at [halpincio@gmail.com](mailto:halpincio@gmail.com), and she will get you signed up.

**Want to Know More About Us?** Our Church Administrator would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact her at [jamie@memorialucc.org](mailto:jamie@memorialucc.org). You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at [www.memorialucc.org](http://www.memorialucc.org). You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.



### **SEEKING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!**

Do you have a flexible schedule on weekday mornings? Our Church Administrator, Jamie, is looking for occasional volunteers to help with office coverage (answering phones and greeting visitors) and office projects (bulletins and e-news). The

work is rewarding, and all necessary training will be provided.

Upcoming needs for coverage are on Tues, July 11, and Friday, July 14.

If interested, please contact Jamie [jamie@memorialucc.org](mailto:jamie@memorialucc.org) or the church office at 608-273-1008.

### **Green Team Book Read - Speak with the Earth, and it Will Teach You by Daniel Cooperrider**

Memorial UCC in Fitchburg has invited McFarland UCC to join them in book discussions. Books are available in the church Narthex with a \$10 donation.

Daniel Cooperrider is a local UCC Pastor. [You can read his bio here](#) and can see [a trailer on this book here](#).

**Trees** - Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 at McFarland UCC, 5710 Anthony St. McFarland (bring a lawn chair)

**Clouds** - Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 at Lake Farm Park Shelter #2 (bring a lawn chair).

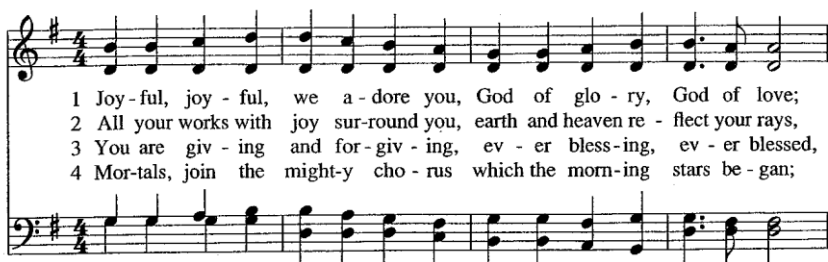
### **Christina Schoenwetter's Ecclesiastical Council has been set for Sunday, June 4. It will be at 3pm, at First Congregational UCC, 1609 University Ave., Madison, 53726.**

Christina will speak for a few minutes explaining her process in writing her ordination paper and her discernment process. She'll then answer questions from those who are present and engage in conversation. Once the questions have been answered, she'll leave the space and lay and clergy delegates will discuss and vote whether to approve her for ordination. She would be so grateful and honored to have anyone from Memorial there for support. And, since the church is in the Southwest Association, delegates can vote!

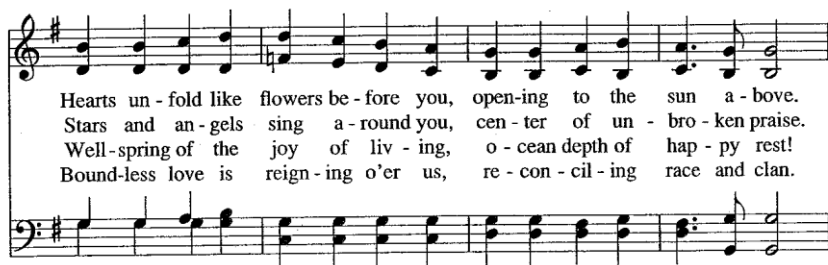
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

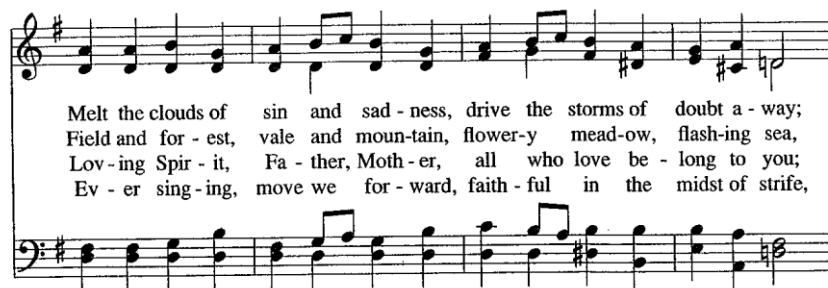
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



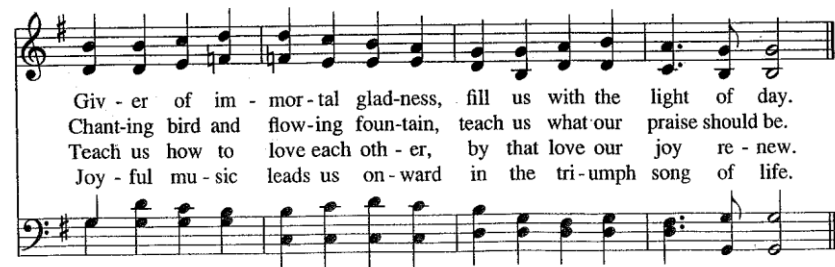
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador,

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.

## I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

*Unison*

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.  
 John Ylvisaker, 1985

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

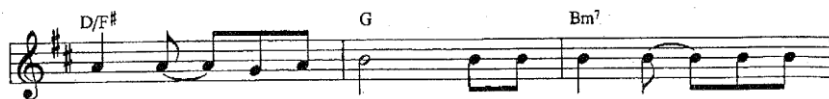
wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

# Dream God's Dream

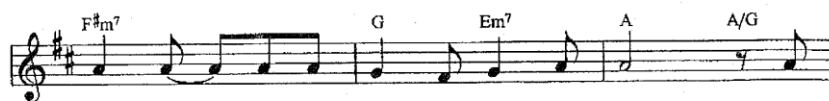
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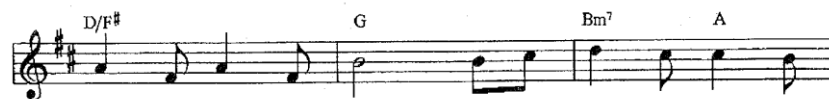
Dream God's dream! Ho-ly



Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is



jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to



build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -



-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.



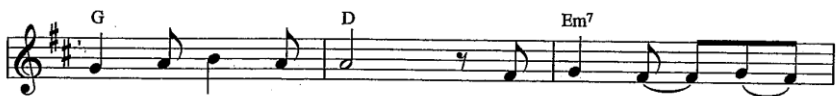
1. I'm dream-ing\_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing\_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing\_ of the way that I want my life to



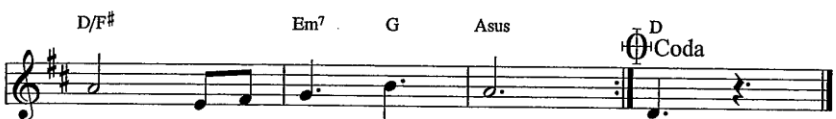
skin will mean less than what's with - in the per - son's heart.  
me, how to use my en - er - gy and my best gifts;  
go. I've got hope and I've got goals I'd like to meet.



A world where wa - ter's clean and where  
to do the work of Christ to say  
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry chi - ld  
God, please use my life to spread Your heal - ing  
won't for - get the scars of Christ who died to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.  
love and to live Your truth.  
show that the dream's for all.