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~ 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. We know youth grow – in love of God and love of other – when they have opportunities to worship in community. That is why on the first Sunday of each month we are excited to have children of all ages with us throughout the service! It is good for us to worship, sing, and pray together. While the children will not be leaving for Sunday School, we have planned a variety of ways to engage the youth during the service. If you would like to have your younger children (ages 0-4) taken care of during the service, we have a nursery available at 9:30 a.m.*

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

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

1st Gymnopedie

Satie

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Come, All You People

SPP 22

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, u - ya - i mo - se,
Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Ma - ker, come, all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te - Mwa - ri, u - ya - i mo - se,
come and praise your Ma - ker, come, all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.
come and praise your Ma - ker, come now and wor - ship the Lord.

***Call to Worship**

From Psalm 8

One: God, you are majestic in all the earth!

Many: Your protection surpasses the heavens, and you have silenced your foes.

One: You have established galaxies and all the glorious things in the universe!

Many: What are human beings compared to this? How does your care extend even to us?

One: You have charged us with care for all of your creation, almighty God.

Many: God, you are majestic in all the earth!

***Opening Prayer¹**

Sovereign God, we look at the things You have made, the works of Your hands, and we stop to consider them with awe. From the intricate immensity of the universe to the specific singularity of a flower, Your works astonish us. Who are we mortals that You pay attention to us? We wonder at your love for us and rejoice in your presence, praying in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special Music

Prelude

Rachmaninoff

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Second Bible Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

NCH 31

SHARING OUR LIVES

Prayers of the People

If you have a pastoral concern or a prayer request while Pastor Kris is on sabbatical, please reach out to Pastor Katya. You can reach her at: pastor@memorialucc.org or 608-616-5075. Note that no one will be monitoring the Zoom chat for prayer requests on Sunday mornings for the summer. If you would prefer your prayer not be said aloud during worship, please let Pastor Katya know.

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.

¹ By Martha Spong, via liturgylink.net

SHARING A MEAL

Communion *Selections from "Woodland Sketches"* MacDowell

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NCH 277

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Grande Valse Brillante* Chopin

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), Marty Smith (Pianist), Maddie Planton (Youth programming), Pastor Katya Ouchakof, and Pastor Peter Morris.

Readers: Sonjia Short and Merry Spangler

Lighting the Christ Candle: Volunteer needed

Ushers: Roger Elver and Jeanne Prueher

Media Room: Jeffrey Lipford
Camera Tech: Volunteer needed
Fellowship Hosts: Volunteers needed

Memorial UCC's ONE LICENSE for streaming: #A-711042

Refreshments and Conversation: Following worship, if you are with us in-person, 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.

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 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, 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. 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. You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Pastor Katya wears orange in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which was on June 2. We #WearOrange to honor the thousands of people in America whose lives are taken or forever changed by gun violence every year in this country.

TODAY: 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!

TOMORROW! MUCC BOOK GROUP: Monday, June 5 at 8:30 am at The Rolling Pin Bakery

The next book group selection is *By Her Own Design: The Story of Ann Lowe, Society's Best-Kept Secret* by Piper Huguley. The group will meet at The Rolling Pin Bakery on Monday, June 5, 8:30 am.

For anyone wanting to read ahead, the following book selection is: *A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America*, and *the Woman Who Stopped Them*, by Timothy Egan. Meeting date is still to be announced.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - VBS STYLE

This summer we're trying something new. Instead of children and youth enjoying a week of vacation Bible school, they'll be enjoying it all summer long. Starting Sunday, June 18th, the summer Sunday school curriculum will be *Workshop of Wonders: Imagine & Build with God*. We'll be taking the 5-day weeklong activities and split them up each week. We'll begin with the story of Queen Esther by having a craft. The following week we'll read the story again and apply it to a science experiment. In July we'll move on to stories both in the Old and New Testaments. If you like art and/or science and would like to spend 45 minutes helping children create, there's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. For questions, contact our Director of Faith Development, Rebecca Malke.

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](#).

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

GNPEP JUNE PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



The product of the month is
TOOTHPASTE! Thank you so much for thinking of the pantry when you are shopping ❤️



MUCC Camping Trip at Wildcat Mountain State Park (WI) - July 7-9, 2023

Please sign up for our church camping trip! Contact Mary Koeppel either via email (koeppelm@gmail.com) or cell phone (608-698-4899). Arrive Friday afternoon/evening July 7 and depart home on Sunday afternoon July 9. We have group campsite C at Wildcat Mountain SP. This site allows campers and tents. The park ranger told me that there is a steep entrance into the park, with some curves, so a large camper may find it difficult to drive in. The site is limited to 15 vehicles (a vehicle + camper/trailer counts as 1 vehicle). The park ranger said that 15 campers will not fit on this site, so hopefully we will have a mix of tents and campers. When you sign up, please let me know how many people, tents (if tenting) or if you are coming with a camper (include size). The site allows up to 50 people.

On Saturday morning there will be a bicycle outing on the Elroy-Sparta rail trail which is close to the state park. There will be activities for kids as well.

More details to follow regarding food, etc.

Questions? Please contact Mary Koeppel

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Unison
Refrain

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

Last time, end

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear 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,

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and 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.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicaea, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.
 John B. Dykes, 1861
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948