



Welcome Visitors

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal under your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. That is why we are excited to have children of all ages with us throughout the service on the first Sunday of each month. On other Sundays, children are invited to attend Sunday School following the message for all—though they are still welcome in worship. If the youth in your family would like to stay in worship there are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do. 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 am.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Community Connections

Opening Song *Blue Boat Home* Peter Mayer
Michael Bryant and Jacquie Caravello

*Call to Worship¹

One: In the silence of the tomb, we wondered...

All: ...what force could be stronger than death?

One: When our dreams died and our safety nets split, we wondered...

All: ...what do I do now?

¹ 1. Marcia McFee, "Worship Design Studio 3.0," Worship Design Studio, accessed April 10, 2024, <https://www.worshipdesignstudio.com/>.

One: Stumbling through our days half-asleep, we wonder...

All: ...will I ever awaken from this feeling of numbness?

One: When we hear resurrection stories, we wonder...

All: ...is there a new beginning for me too?

One: Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

All: "You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again."

***Opening Prayer²**

Gracious God, like Lazarus in the tomb, our hearts are still and waiting for your call. Speak to us now. May your Word call us out of our death, out of old lives, into the light of your grace and your presence, and the loving companionship of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* NCH 18 (all verses)

HEARING THE WORD

The Good News – Part One

John 11:1-16

Special Music

Fantasy on Hyfrydol

Hal Hopson

The Good News – Part Two

John 11:17-44

Message for All

Nice to meet you, Terra

Green Team

Reflection

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

I Need You Every Hour

NCH 517, vss 1 & 2

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 prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org

Prayer of Jesus³

Illuminating God, in whom is heaven, may your name be lifted in the chambers of our hearts. May the joy of transformation come, may your plans for us be unfurled here on earth as it is in the flight of heaven's glory. For the strength we need, feed us. For the forgiveness we desire, and need to give, invite us. Save us from the temptation of all that would keep us from you, and deliver us from those things that seek to harm. Unwrap your perfect kinship of love, power, and glory forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

NCH 476 vss 1, 2, & 4

***Benediction**

² 1. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, "Lent 5," Lent 5 – Unfolding Light, November 21, 2022, <https://unfoldinglight.net/2022/11/21/lent-5/>.

³ 1. Marcia McFee, "Worship Design Studio 3.0," Worship Design Studio, accessed April 10, 2024, <https://www.worshipdesignstudio.com/>.

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Linda Brant (Pianist), Betsy Robbins (Bell Choir Dir), Green Team (Message for All), Rebecca Malke (Dir of Faith Development), and Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Rusty Rode and Barb Gallogy-Turner

Ushers: Jay Johnson and John Rosch

Media Room: Scott Oebser

Fellowship: Outreach Committee and Just Bakery

Memorial UCC uses photographs and video for social media communication with our members and friends. If someone does not wish to be photographed or in a video, ushers will help them find a seat out of camera view.

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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 office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure, and you do not need a PayPal account to make one-time or recurring donations. Visit memorialucc.org and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at halpincjo@gmail.com, and she will get you signed up.

Want to Know More About Us? Pastor Kris would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact her at pastorkris@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.

TODAY



AFTER WORSHIP: Join our fellowship hosts, the Outreach Committee, for conversation and goodies from Just Bakery. There will be plenty of delicious treat available for purchase as well.

Just Bakery is a 12 week educational and vocational training program. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, justice involved, lack of education, and/or a lack of work history or skills). All proceeds from Just Bakery sales are reinvested into the program and have allowed us to hire our graduates to work in the program both on the instructional and production side of the program.

COMING SOON

MUCC BOOK GROUP: TOMORROW, April 22 at 8:30 am

Our next book is [The Women by Kristin Hannah](#). This looks like a good read for Women's History Month. We will meet on Monday, April 22 at 8:30 am at The Rolling Pin.

April 28th - JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MUCC!

Our church is growing in many exciting ways with new members, active participation of our friends from Arbor Covenant and furthering our *Ever-Widening Circles* mission with initiatives like Arbor Good Neighbor House. All of this creates both challenges and opportunities to:

- Strengthen Congregational Care,
- Grow Community and Neighborhood Outreach,
- Explore new youth and faith development programs and
- Ensure Continuing Vitality of the Church and Congregation.

At the meeting on the 28th, the Council will present a forward-looking plan to address these needs by creating a 2nd minister position and extending a Call to Rev. Peter Morris to serve MUCC with Pastor Kris. This is a unique opportunity made possible by the joining of Arbor Covenant Church with MUCC and transferring its significant financial resources to help fund the new position without impacting MUCC's current operating budget. The meeting is for information and discussion and will take place immediately after the worship service. No vote or official action will be taken.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 4, from 8 am - noon

On Saturday, May 4, the Building and Grounds Committee will be hosting our annual church grounds spring cleanup day. In addition to general sprucing up of the yard, this year we would also like to do some work on the trails in the woods. Come and join us, even if you can only make it for part of the time, to help freshen up our church grounds in time for summer. All are welcome and kids are encouraged to come. Please bring gardening tools, yard tools, pruners, and gloves if you have them. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Wade Kuhl at wade.kuhl@fabickcat.com or (608) 516-2464.

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS: DO YOU HAVE A COPY TO GIVE?

A teacher at a local high school global health class would like to incorporate Braiding Sweetgrass into her classroom discussion of how whole earth views promote human and environmental health. She is a long term sub, has a limited budget, and is struggling to find enough copies for her class (27 students). As we have recently read and discussed the book, perhaps you have a copy on your shelf that could lend inspiration to a new reader. If you do, please drop off on the counter of the church office! THANKS in advance!

GNPEP PRODUCT FOR APRIL is TOILET PAPER!



The Product of the Month for Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry is TOILET PAPER! With donations this month, the pantry is hoping to be able to give one roll of TP per person to each family during April. THANK YOU!

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

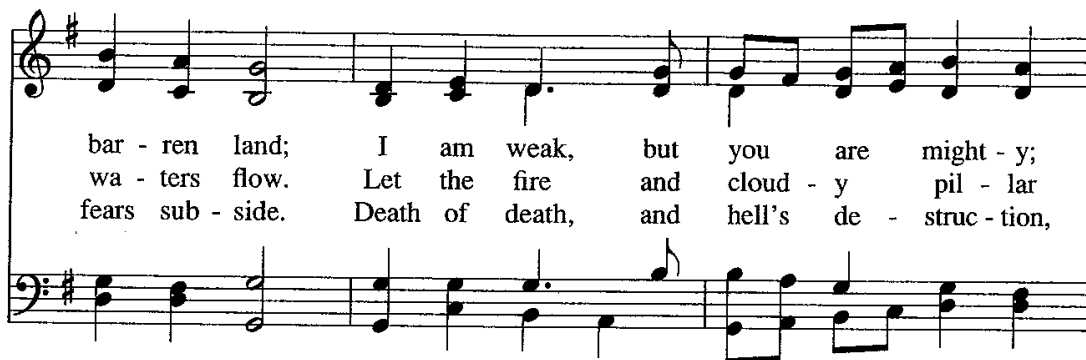
William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

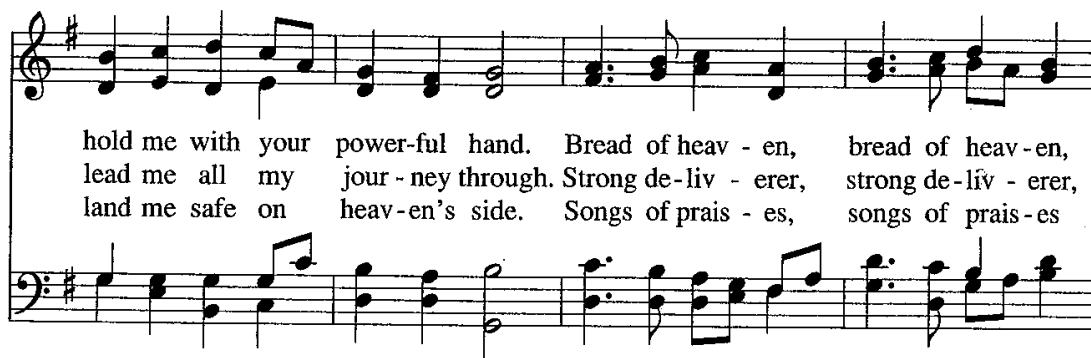
St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.



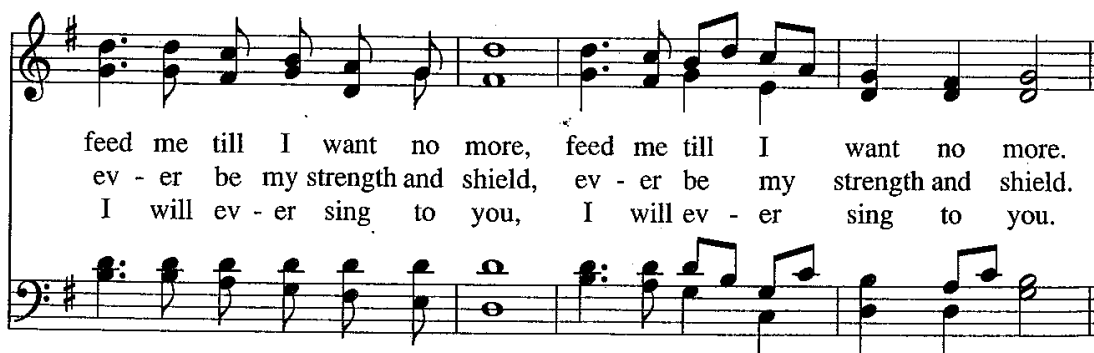
1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*,
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by Doris Plenn in the 1950s when her friends were imprisoned during the McCarthy era.

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in *Bright Jewels*
for the Sunday School, New York, 1869



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing-ing?
Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing-ing?
things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing-ing?

