



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 next to 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 throughout the summer, children are invited to attend Sunday Funday 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.

TODAY following service, please stay for our Special Congregational Meeting held in-person and on Zoom. Visitors and friends are welcome to stay and watch as this is a wonderful way to learn about our faith community.

If you are a member who normally worships with us on YouTube, we encourage you to log into Zoom, as you will need to present on Zoom to participate in the meeting. The same link on Zoom will be used for both worship and the Annual Meeting.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude *Since I've Laid My Burden Down* Traditional (arr. Mississippi John Hurt)

Welcome and Community Connections

***Opening Song** *More Than Enough* all 3 verses (bulletin insert)

***Call to Worship¹**

One: Whoever does the will of God

All: is our family.

One: Whoever unfolds love like a blanket in the breeze

All: is our family.

One: Whoever makes the material reality of their neighbors better

All: is our family.

One: Whoever unclasps the claws of colonialism from their minds

All: is our family.

One: Whoever turns parking lots back into wild meadowland

All: is our family.

One: We: vibrating, pulsing, alive beings—

All: with lungs the shape of tree roots,

One: with veins like tributaries—

All: connected life on this Blue Planet in the expanse of the Cosmos—

One: the very Body of God.

All: Family.

***Opening Prayer**

Expand our notion of family, Sibling God. Free us from narrow walls built by dusty systems. Reclaim with us ancient examples of interdependence—moss and stone, woodpecker and hollowed-out tree, villages where all have enough. Build with us new shapes of community and living together. May our lives be love letters to our chosen family. May we be vulnerable enough to let ourselves be chosen. Bless our aunts, our nieces, our cousins, our elders, and our partners. Amen.

***Hymn**

This Is My Father's World Chalice 59, all 3 verses (bulletin insert)

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Special Music

Ain't No Grave

Traditional (arr. Claude Ely)

The Good News

Mark 3:19b-35

Message for All

Reflection

Holy Wonder: Keep Going

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

In Solitude

NCH 521, vss 1 & 2

**In solitude, in solitude, I come to God in prayer,
In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there.**

**Whene'er the world is troubling me, and stress is all around,
I seek the presence of my God, and healing light is found.**

¹ "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection," enflashed, June 9, 2024, <https://enflashed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.



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.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING WEBINAR - TAKE A LOOK!

MUCC Outreach Committee has obtained access for a limited time for a total of 4 Webinars given by the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition. On Tuesday, a group of people from Memorial got together to watch the second Webinar, *Beyond the Binary*. The presenters were engaging and challenged congregations to continue expanding their commitments to the LGBTQIA+ community. As Pride Month begins... we have ideas! We encourage you to watch the second session, *Beyond the Binary*, here: <https://streamyard.com/watch/7zAfBCkAM8MV>

FLOWERS FOR ALL!

Summer is the "Green Season" in the church calendar, a time of life and growth. The Worship Committee invites you to help dress the Sanctuary by bringing in cut flowers for the table. If you have blooms and would like to share the beauty, bring them in on any summer Sunday. You can use your own vase, or one of the vases located in the church kitchen above the refrigerator. Maybe have a saucer, or a piece of plastic under the vase so the table does not get stained. There will not be a sign up, just bring them in when you wish.

CALLING ALL BREAD MAKERS OR BUDDING BREAD MAKERS

We are looking for people who are willing to make the Gluten Free bread we use for communion. Ideally several people will step up so we can spread the work load. Communion is typically the first Sunday of every month. The bread can be made the day before or made ahead of time and frozen. We have a fairly simple recipe – it is just time consuming. Approximately 4 hours from start to finish but much of that time is waiting for the bread to rise or bake, allowing you to do other things. We will provide the special gluten free flour and are willing to train.

Please contact either Sonjia Short [shorsj@hotmail.com or 608-225-1999] or Karen Bryant [bryant55karen@gmail.com or 608-571-9303] if you are interested.

More Than Enough

Words and Music by the 2024 SW Association Clergy Retreat participants

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The score includes first and second endings for several phrases.

Staff 1: Chords: C, F, C, F. Lyrics: If you won-der if the lit - tle things you do real - ly mat - ter in the noth - ing that's too small to be ___ a gift from the Spir - it. Je - sus

Staff 2: Chords: C, F, Gsus, G. Lyrics: face said of all that still re - mains un - done. When you've said a cup of wa - ter means so much.

Staff 3: Chords: C, F. Lyrics: giv - en what you can and you place it in God's hands, it's

Staff 4: Chords: 1. Gsus, G, 2. Gsus. Lyrics: more, more than e - nough. There is more, more than e - nough.

Staff 5: Chords: G, A7, D, G. Lyrics: Day by day the church re - lies up - on those who

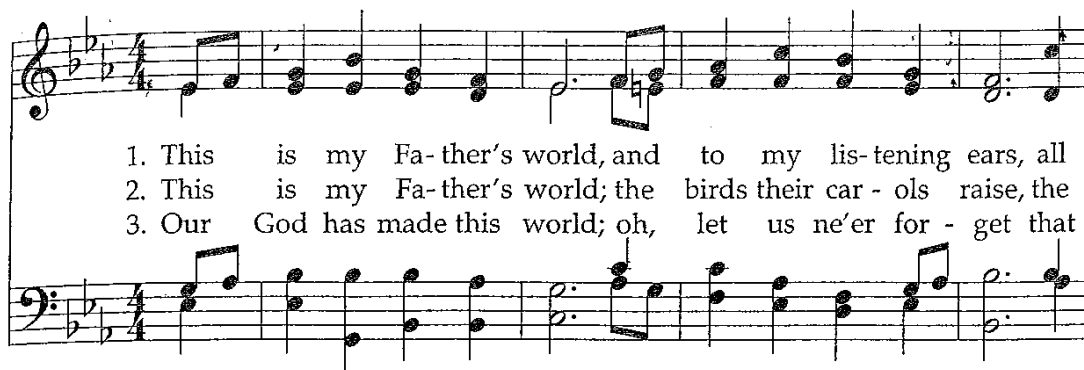
Staff 6: Chords: D, G, D, G. Lyrics: call them - selves dis - ci - ples, e - ven when the tasks seem com - mon - place or

Staff 7: Chords: Asus, A, D. Lyrics: dull. When you've giv - en what you can ___ and you

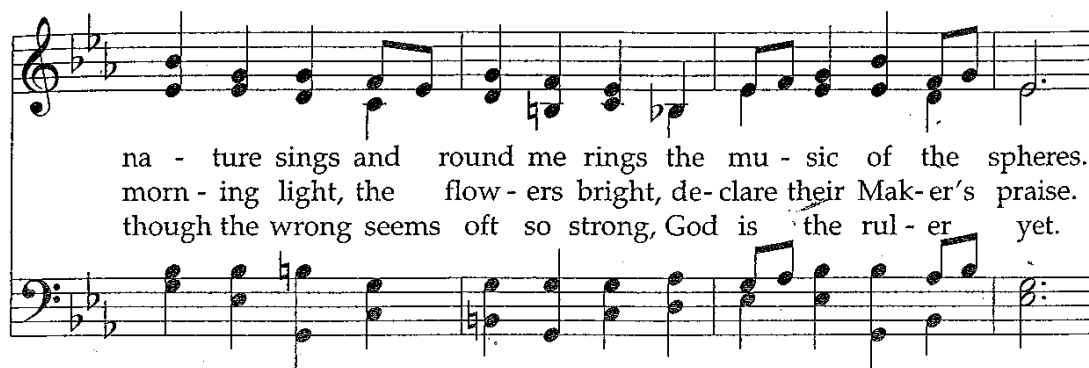
Staff 8: Chords: G, 1. Asus, A. Lyrics: place it in God's hands, it's more, more than e - nough. ___ When you've

Staff 9: Chords: 2. Asus, A, D, G, A, D. Lyrics: more, more than e - nough. There's more, more than e - nough.

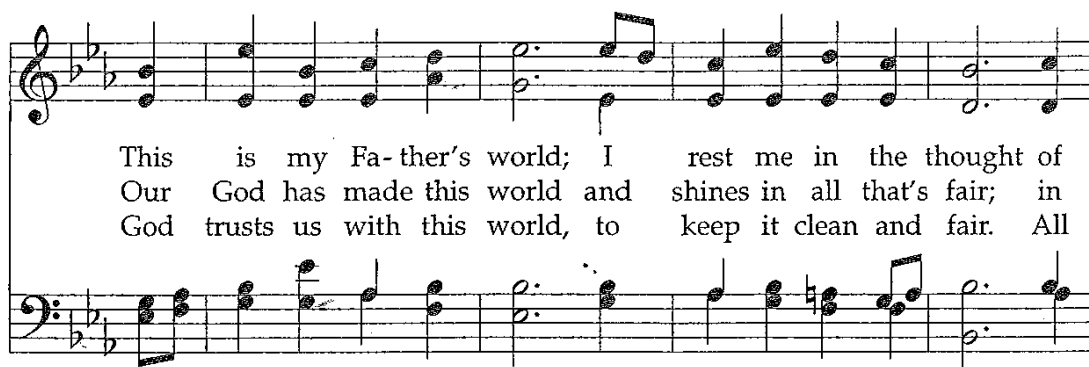
This Is My Father's World



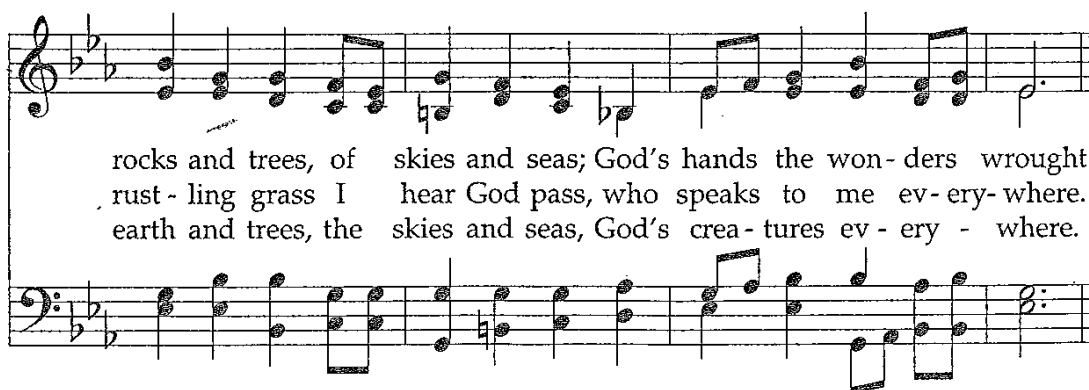
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears, all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
3. Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair; in
God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me ev - ery - where.
earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's crea - tures ev - ery - where.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.
MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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They'll Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



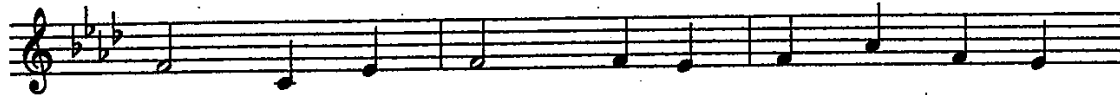
one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.