



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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Community Connections

*Opening Song

Come, All You People

Sing! 22, all verses

*Call to Worship¹

One: What Wisdom have we ignored because to take it in

All: might require us to change our lives?

One: Wisdom comes from Indigenous people

All: who teach us right-relationship with the land.

One: Wisdom comes from refugees

¹ Adapted from "Liturgy That Matters Resource Collection," enflashed, July 7, 2024, <https://enflashed.com/liturgy-that-matters-subscription-library/>.

All: who teach us about surviving impossible conditions.

One: Wisdom comes from endangered species

All: who teach us all that is at stake.

One: What Wisdom have we ignored

All: because to take it in might require us to change our lives?

***Opening Prayer**

Spirit of Solidarity, grant us courage to be co-conspirators—dismantling ways of living which damage the world in real ways and kindling the flame of collective flourishing. Creation sings your wisdom, Holy Interdependence. Tune our hearts to receive the song. Amen.

***Hymn**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

NCH 498 vss 1-4

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Special Music

Wayfaring Stranger

The Good News

Mark 6:1-13

Message for All

After the Message for All, children are invited to leave with teachers to attend Sunday, Sunday, Sunday Funday!

Reflection

Holy Wonder: What Happened?

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Sing! 187

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 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.

SHARING A MEAL

Come to God's Extravagant Table—wherever you are.

- *For those who will be blessing and receiving the sacrament at home, please prepare a slice or small loaf of bread, corn tortilla, or rice cake to share and a cup or small cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol.*

Invitation to the Table and Words of Remembering²

Prayer of Consecration

*Communion

Morning Has Broken

Please come forward and take a piece of bread. You may eat the bread right away or dip it in a cup and eat the bread with juice or wine. The bread is gluten free. The grape juice is white and is in the blue chalice; the wine is red and in the brown chalice. If you are worshipping at home, you may serve yourself. Or, if you are with others consider serving each other. All are welcome at this meal.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the wind at our backs, for the tables of strangers and friends, for the peace of being welcomed and the joy of welcoming others, we give you thanks. For the Body of Christ, come to us in plate and cup and lived by us in our journeys onward, we give you thanks and praise and promise. amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Outreach Moment

Blessing of those going to Re-Member

*Song for Going Out

Guide My Feet

NCH 497, all verses

*Benediction

* Postlude

Readers: Jill Carlson and Jan Klawitter

Ushers: Roger Elvera and Jeanne Prueher

Communion Preparation: Janine Bessemer

Special Musicians: Michael Bryant and Jacquie Caravello

Media Room: Jeffrey Lipford

Fellowship: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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.

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



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

² Adapted from Tirabassi, Maren C., "Holy Communion for Pentecost, July 3, 2022," Gifts in Open Hands, June 24, 2022, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2022/06/24/holy-communion-for-pentecost-july-3-2022/>.



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.

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.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING WEBINAR - TAKE A LOOK!

JUNE 25 at 6 PM (live), available thru 8/9/24

MUCC Outreach Committee has obtained access for a limited time for a total of 4 Webinars given by the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition. The next webinar in the series is **Using the Bible to Unpack Attraction** and can be viewed at <https://streamyard.com/watch/stWsK9fXeQEW>.

The Committee will host another in-person gathering on July 30 to watch the next webinar, **Navigating Ethical non-monogamy and the Bible** and discuss both.



Come, All You People

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1. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High.
 2. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior.
 3. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it.



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- Come now, and wor - ship our God.
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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Refrain
Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

This African folk melody was presented to the Church at Chereponi, Northern Ghana, by Ghanaian musicologist, A. A. Mensah, when United Church of Christ missionaries, Al and Sue Krass were serving there. Like Tom Colvin, a Scottish missionary in neighboring Tamale, Al Krass was encouraging the making of hymns to indigenous melodies. Tom Colvin wrote these words to this adapted form of the melody in dedication to the Church at Chereponi.

*Tune: CHEREPONI Irr. with refrain
Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982*

RESPOND

187 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

$\text{♩} = 60$
D/A Em/A D A

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, — pure and
- pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, — act - ing

G Em⁷ D/A A A⁷

ho - ly, tried and true; — with thanks
bold - ly, in your name; — seek - ing

D A

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing — sanc - tu -
jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing — off - ring

G Em⁷ A⁷ D D/A Em/A D

- ar - y for — you. 2. God em -
hope where there is — pain.

Guide My Feet

African-American traditional; alt.

DISCIPLESHIP

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Heb. 12:1-15

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

*This stanza may be added following stanza 1:
Wheel with me while I run this race . . .*

The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.
African-American traditional
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992