



~ 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. Following the Message for All children are invited to participate in Exploring Faith (Sunday School)—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. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. 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 *Fantasy on "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

Gilbert M Martin

Welcome and Community Connection

Introit *We are Called*

***Call to Worship¹** (Inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

All: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

All: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

All: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!

*** Opening Prayer**

All: Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence be palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.

***Hymn** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* NCH 551, vss 1&2

HEARING THE WORD

First Bible Reading A condensed version of Job:

23: 1-2a, 16-17; 38:2-3, 37-42; Job 42:1-2, 3b, 5, 10a, 11-12

Special Music *For the Fruit of All Creation* arr. John Behnke

The Good News **Mark 10:46-52**

¹ Take Heart: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Message for All

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.

After the Message for All, children are invited to leave with teachers to attend Exploring Faith (Sunday School).

Reflection

Pastor Kris

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

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 608 438 6307 or Pastor Peter at 608-338-2268. They 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 and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

Offering: Extravagant Generosity

Offertory

Elegy

Jules Massenet, David Sarandon

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive our gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out**

For All the Saints

NCH 299, vss 1-3

***Benediction**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

John Purifoy

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Betsy Robbins (Bell Choir), Pastor Peter Morris, and Pastor Kris Gorton

Readers: Marty Smith and Terry Hoffman

Ushers: Steve Gorton

Media Room: Jordan Baumgart

Youth Programming Leader: Mo Foster

Fellowship: Kelly Jetzer

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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? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpete@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.

AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us for a potluck! All are welcome—there will be plenty of food!

It's Trick or Treat for UNICEF day! Youth of all ages can use their own Trick or Treat bucket and collect an offering for UNICEF. UNICEF is humanitarian aid for children in crisis and fights for children's rights by delivering essentials every child needs for an equitable chance in life.

Bring your coins and bills to help our youth with this mission.



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