

**First United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming
Just Peace Congregation
June 21, 2020, 10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Allegretto con moto
from the Drottninghloms-Musique Suite

Johan Roman (1694-1758)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Gathering Music

Be Still and Know

Marty Haugen

**Be still and know,
Be still and know,
Be still and know that I am God.**

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit, gather us in, people of all ages - children, teens, grown-ups and grandparents.

Many: Grant us your wisdom and vision, so that there may be new courage in our witness.

One: Give us strength for the journey, hope for this and future generations. Pour out your power on us this day.

Many: Enliven our worship and witness in our hearts, in our homes, on our streets, in our world.

One: And all God's people said:

Many: Amen!

Opening Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Time With Children

Let the children come unto me, for theirs is the realm of God.

All who believe must become like a child; theirs is the realm of God.

Scripture

Don Perkins

Sermon

Sam Steinberg

Hymn

Surely No One Can be Safer

Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

**Surely no one can be safer
Than God's children, held in favor;
Not the stars so brightly burning,
Not the birds to nests returning.**

**None shall ever meet rejection,
Be denied God's own protection.
Has there a been a friend who better
Knows our hopes, our fears that fetter?**

**With the flock God is abiding,
Heaven's plenty all providing,
Rich in mercy, never sparing,
Like a father gently caring.**

**Whether taking, whether giving,
God alone remains forgiving,
And with one true purpose holy
To preserve our welfare solely.**

Sung Call to Prayer

One: We do not know how to pray as we ought,

All: But the spirit of God intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words.

Pastoral Prayer

Response

One: We do not know how to pray as we ought,

All: But the spirit of God intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words.

Prayer of Jesus

You are invited to unmute and pray the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:

Our God, 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 our Gifts and Music

Offertory

Andante

Johan Roman

Prayer of Thanks

**To you, O Source of all life, we dedicate our lives. Help us be a blessing in a world full of strife.
Receive what we have to give, and multiply its fruitfulness for your realm here on earth.
Amen.**

Hymn of Sending

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

When we shall be with God whom we adore,
With disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,
Sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be still, my soul; the hour will soon be here
Benediction

Postlude

The Heavens Are Telling

Robert Wetzler (1926-2014)

We are so glad you joined us for worship today!
Please remain in the meeting if you would like to check in over Zoom Coffee Hour.

News to Note

Special Congregational Meeting Called

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 28 immediately following Zoom worship for a special congregational meeting. At this meeting we will vote on the slate of individuals to serve on the Transition Team and Search Team for our call for a Senior Minister. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact moderator Janet Lewis Muth or vice-moderator Sam Steinberg.

Arthur Campbell Memorial

Arthur Morrow Campbell, long time member of First UCC, age 98, of Northfield, died Monday, June 1, 2020. His family gathered for a small service on June 17, and his ashes were laid to rest in the First UCC Memorial Garden. Please click [here](#) to read his obituary. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. To attend the Memorial Service, please click the Zoom link below, on June 27th.

First UCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:
Memorial Service for Arthur Campbell

Saturday, June 27, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96846095999?pwd=bXM5S3hEZUtoeXpDeTB6ZHJyOHNCdz09>

Meeting ID: 968 4609 5999

Password: 168056

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US

Meeting ID: 968 4609 5999

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acm7YJQW1Z>

Zoom Worship Security - You Can Help

We have grown into our worship format on Zoom and are always looking for ways to enhance the experience. This includes paying attention to security issues that other congregations have encountered. Sadly, some churches have been what is now termed “Zoombombed.” Scattered worship services across the country have been interrupted by racist rhetoric and images. We have created a password to join Zoom to make the meeting secure, but have also made it public in order to extend our extravagant welcome.

As we have gathered on Sundays we have monitored who is joining the meeting. We have had a few occasions where we have not been able to identify someone--exclusively those who have not shown themselves on video or whose name on the screen is not identifiable. In these cases, we have reached out in the Chat feature to inquire about identity. In those cases where we have not received a reply, the person has been removed from the meeting and is unable to join again.

We respect that some do not wish to show video, but it would help us if you identified yourself by name. In Zoom, there is a menu item to “rename” yourself. We strongly encourage you to use this feature so we can recognize you. If we reach you via Chat, please respond so we can identify you. If you have further questions about using Zoom, Carl Henry has generously offered to be a consultant. He can be reached at carlfhenry@gmail.com.

Helping the CAC

Due to extra anticipated needs this summer, the Community Action Center (CAC) Food Shelf could use any financial help you can offer in both food shelf and housing assistance needs. Keeping families who are already challenged with food insecurity in their homes is a great challenge, especially in this time of pandemic and financial uncertainty. If you are able to donate to the CAC for food or housing assistance, it would be greatly appreciated in this time. You can donate directly through their website, [here](#).

Scam Emails

Many clergy have reported their names being used to gain monies from parishioners in a scam around gift cards. Pastors Lauren and Wendy will never send you an email or text asking you to contribute money to buy gift cards. Please be vigilant in checking email addresses and refrain from clicking on links should you receive an email making such requests.

Invitation to Prayers of Solidarity

During this time of pandemic, we invite you to take a moment of mindfulness or prayer each evening at 7:00 p.m. If it helps, set an alarm on your phone or device for this time each night. Pray for those who are living in isolation at home, or in assisted living, or in other care facilities. Together, at the same time each night, we will be praying in solidarity and hope. If you are isolated at home, or in an assisted living or care facility, we invite you to put a post-it note on your clock so you know that there are people all over the community specifically holding you in their hearts each night.

Giving to the Church

In an effort to care for those who are most at-risk in our community, we are worshiping online and connecting in small groups virtually. We still need your gifts! You may give electronically by visiting our website and clicking the "[Donate Online Now!](#)" button, under the Giving tab. You may also visit our website [electronic giving authorization form](#) and mailing it to Finance Manager Andrea Pegram at church. Gifts may be mailed to First UCC, 300 Union Street. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministries!

Care Ministry Team

A note from the UCC Care Ministry Team: WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Please know that the Care Ministry Team wants to know if you have any needs that can be met by us or members of our congregation. We serve as the extra eyes and ears of the church, so please speak with any member of our Care Team if you or someone you know is in need of extra support--anything from meals, child care, crisis help or weekly check-ins. We can connect you with congregational support. You can also continue to check in with the pastor. Our team is: Barb Altstaetter 507-645-9786, Barbara Crouter, Linda Larson 612-709-6795, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Bill Poehlmann 507-645-5422, Katharine Powers, Claire Rafferty, Kathy Sandberg, Jan Shoger 507-645-5236, Kellee Tussing, Gina Washburn, Claire Rafferty, Bonnie and Larry Fowler 507-645-6930.