

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.

Blessing the Transition Team

Introductions

Sarah Carlsen, chair, Bob Bruce, Margit Johnson, Shawn Nuebel, Laura Turek

Grounding (I Corinthians 12)

Moderator: There are different gifts.

Many: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Moderator: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

Many: To be used for the common good.

Commissioning the Transition Team

Siblings in the Spirit, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the congregation and in its witness to the community. In recognition of this important work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone; you will be guided by the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of members and friends of this church and the assistance of the United Church of Christ.

Covenant

Transition Team:

We who are serving on the Transition Team for First UCC promise to perform faithfully the task of engaging the congregation and community at large to contribute to the search process for new pastoral leadership. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Spirit in all that we say, do and decide.

Many (unmute to say together):

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and respect the process you are engaging. We recognize the significant effort you will invest and are grateful for your service. We pray for you and offer our encouragement throughout this time. These things we pledge trusting in the power of the Spirit to bind us together as one.

Prayer of Blessing (please extend blessing hands towards the Team)

Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Sarah Entenmann
Sermon	By Faith	Rev. Lauren Baske Davis
Hymn	<i>Incarnate God, Immortal Love</i> verses 1, 3, and 6 (see next page)	Rockingham

Incarnate God, Immortal Love

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Alfred Tennyson, 1850; alt.

2 Cor. 5:7

1 In - car - nate God, im - mor - tal Love, whom we, that
 2 You will not leave us in the dust; you gave us
 3 In you meet hu - man and di - vine, the high - est,
 4 Our lit - tle sys - tems have their day; they have their

have not seen your face, by faith, and faith a -
 life, we know not why. We trust we were not
 ho - liest un - ion known. We false - ly call our
 day and cease to be; They are but fleet - ing

lone, em - brace, be - liev - ing where we can - not prove:
 made to die, for you have made us, you are just.
 powers our own un - til our wills with yours com - bine.
 cer - tain - ty, and you, O Christ, are more than they.

- 5 We have but faith; we can-not know,
 for knowl-edge is of things proved true;
 And yet we trust it comes from you,
 a sign of prom-ise; let it grow.
- 6 Let knowl-edge grow from more to more,
 but more of rev-erence in us dwell;
 That mind and soul, ac-cord-ing well,
 may make one music as be-fore.

The English poet laureate Alfred Tennyson included an eleven-stanza prologue to his *In Memoriam* (1850), written in memory of a friend, Arthur Hallam. Some stanzas of the prologue have been selected to form this hymn.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
 Anon.
 Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

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

Time (Amser)
(sung in Welsh)
Carol Trosset, alto

Morfudd Maesaleg
and Mona Meirion

There is a time for everything, and a time for every season under the heavens.
A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plan and a time to do the thing planned,
A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to throw down and a time to build up,
A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to throw stones away and time to gather stones together,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to seek and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to rend and a time to sow, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

In your hand are all my times, a time of bliss, a time of affliction,
A time of unclouded health, and shadows at the end of the age.
Keep me henceforth spending my days in your hand.

—from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Prayer of Thanks

Holy One, we are surrounded by your abundance. Receive our grateful gifts, that they may sustain others. Through our giving, help us trust and delight that you are bringing into being something wonderful and new. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

My Soul, Go Forth, This Summer Day
(see next page)

I Denna Ljuva Sommartid

Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(‘Cwm Rhondda’)

Paul Karvonen (1917-1991)

We are so glad you joined us for worship today!
Please remain in the meeting for friendship and conversation in Zoom Coffee Hour.

MY SOUL, GO FORTH, THIS SUMMER DAY

Paul Gerhardt, 1653
Tr. Britt Hallqvist, 1980, alt.

I DENNA LJUVA SOMMARTID 8.8.7.D.
Anders Öhrwall, 1980



1 My soul, go forth, this sum - mer day, Go forth, be glad, re -
2 For when I hear the thrush - es' song, The lark re - joic - ing
3 But all the beau - ty of the earth, The glo - rious sum - mer,



joice and say: I thank God for these pleas - ures. See,
all day long High o - ver hills and moun - tains, Then
songs of mirth, Are but a glimpse of heav - en. What



all a - round the earth is new, God has a - dorned the
I can - not re - strain my voice, I will sing prais - es
God will show to you one day Eye has not seen, nor



world for you With won - der - ful green treas - ures.
and re - joice; My thanks will flow like foun - tains.
tongue can say What won - ders we'll be giv - en.

News to Note

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team has started meeting weekly and making plans to assist the congregation in answering these three questions: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? Who is God calling us to be?

It is a supportive team that will work together and in connection with Pastor Wendy, the church council, and the Minnesota Conference UCC. There is an email address set up to receive ideas or thoughts from all of you. Please write to transitionteam@firstucc.org

First on the list is looking at existing information and best methods for reaching the First UCC church family and community neighbors. The team will be working on creating a timeline and making decisions about different ways to gather information. Look for requests from the team to update information and share your input in coming weeks!

-First UCC Transition Team (Bob Bruce, Sarah Carlsen, Margit Johnson, Shawn Nuebel, Laura Turek, Janet Lewis Muth, Moderator and Pastor Wendy Vander Hart)

New Feature! Spiritual Practice of the Week

Beginning this week, the Chronicle will feature different First UCCers leading us through a video spiritual practice, or talking about their spiritual practice and why it is meaningful in a short video. When we speak about spiritual practice, we believe it is important that the definition is open, because we recognize that people find many ways to express and experience spirituality.

This week, we are thrilled to invite you to view Erin Barnett's video on Contemplative Prayer. You can find it on our church website [here](#). If you would like to share a spiritual practice and be highlighted in this new feature, please contact coordinator Sue Evans, susancevans@charter.net.

ISAIAH: Two Steps You Can Take Now to Make a Difference

We are called into the sacred work of doing justice and loving kindness. Two ways you can act now are:

1. Be ready to VOTE! All Minnesota voters are eligible to vote by mail, the safest way to vote for you and election judges. Just apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You can request absentee ballots for the November general election at the [MN Secretary of State's website](#).
2. Attend a free online Race Class Narrative or Voter Values Training to learn more about how to respond to dog-whistle politics and talk with potential voters in ways that help them to lean into the best versions of themselves at the ballot box. [Register here](#) for one of the many trainings available.

Black Lives Matter Lawn Sign Distribution

Do you need a Black Lives Matter sign for your lawn and aren't sure how to get one? You're in luck! Black Lives Matter Lawn signs will be available through the group, [Black Lives Matter Lawn Signs Twin Cities](#), who will distribute signs in our church parking lot. Contact-less pick up will be available if that is a need or preference. The suggested donation per lawn sign is \$20, and can be made in person or online following the instructions on the [link](#), shared above. Show your donation receipt when you come to pick up the sign. After the printing costs are covered, 100% of the donations go to black-led organizations recommended by [Reclaim the Block](#). You can see the list of nominated organizations [here](#).

Lawn signs will be available in our church parking lot on the first three Saturdays in August from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you have questions, can volunteer or would like a sign, but aren't able to make it to church, contact Lisa Sexton by phone 612-839-5475, or via email, rawlinlsw@gmail.com

Youth Rally for Racial Justice- July 28 and 30, 2020

Youth and young adults from congregations of the Minnesota Conference UCC are invited to join a series of online gatherings focusing on the work of racial justice. Each of these gatherings features youth and young adult presenters, who will provide challenge, encouragement, and inspiration for young leaders to engage in the work for racial justice and equity. Register [here](#).

Summer Drop-in Hours

In the summer season, Pastor Wendy and Pastor Lauren are setting up drop-in Office Hours in outdoor spaces or on Zoom. You may either drop-in or send an email in advance that you plan to show up. For the outdoor locations, the rain plan will be meeting on Zoom instead. Dates range up until August 28. Check the [Church Calendar](#) for more details on times and Zoom information.

Giving to the Church

While we are worshipping online and connecting in small groups virtually, we still depend upon your generosity and 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 and complete the [electronic giving authorization form](#) and mailing it to Finance Manager Andrea Pegram at church. Gifts may be mailed to First UCC, 300 Union Street, Northfield, MN 55057. Thank you so much for your continued support of First UCC's ministries!

Care 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. 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, Bonnie and Larry Fowler 507-645-6930.