



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Immigrant Welcoming Sunday
First United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation
November 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#).

Prelude *Calming Peace (Prayer for Kristin)* Cathy Moklebust (2005)
Northfield Handbell Choir
Kiernan Bartlett, director

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment *An Immigrant Welcoming Church* Gina Washburn

Gathering Music *Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever (1983)
Join in as directed

Call to Worship Lisa Sexton

One: ¡Mi corazón esta listo, oh Dios, mi corazón listo esta!

Many: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready!

One: ¡Cantaré, cantaré alabanzas! ¡Despierta, mi alma!

Many: I will sing, I will sing praises! Wake up, my soul!

One: ¡Despierta, oh arpa y lira! ¡Despertaré la aurora!

Many: Wake up, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

One: ¡Te daré gracias a ti, oh Dios, entre todas las gentes!

Many: I will thank you, O God, among all people!

One: ¡Alabemos y adoremos al Dios de la creación!

Many: Let us praise and adore the God of creation!

Opening Hymn *In All Our Living* NCH #499 (Pues Si Vivimos)

v1 In all our living, we belong to God;
and in our dying, we are still with God;
So, whether living, or whether dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

v2 God sent Christ Jesus to be our shalom,
to show us mercy and healing love;
So in our living, and in our dying,
Christ is our shalom; Christ is our shalom.

v3 Pues si vivimos, para Dios vivimos
y si morimos, para Dios morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,
Somos del buen Dios, somos del buen Dios.

Ministry Moment *Immigrant Experiences in Northfield* Lisa Sexton

Sung Response

Santo, Santo, Santo
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres, Dios.
Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

NCH #793

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.**

Special Music

Two Shape-Note Hymns:
Unity (anonymous, 1853) and *Brookland* (Jonathan Een Newton, 2019)
Andrea Een, Jonathan Een Newton, and Corinne Ducey

Ministry Moment

Poem: *Home* by Warsan Shire (excerpted)

Marie Gery

Sung Response

Santo, Santo, Santo
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres, Dios.

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Scripture

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Ed Langerak

Sermon

Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

A Place Called Home
(see page 8)

Michael Joncas (2016)
Finlandia

The Prayers

We will begin with prayers in song, then a minister will pray, and there will be time for silent prayer. Then we will sing again. All joining worship on Zoom are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.

Sung Response

One: As your spirit moved upon the waters,
Many: **God, let your spirit move in us.**

Prayer of Jesus

You are invited to speak 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.

Ministry Moment *Our Proposed Covenant* Matt Rohn

Sung Response *Santo, Santo, Santo* NCH #793
Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres, Dios.

Offertory *Contemplation* Cynthia Dobrinski (1991)

Prayer of Thanks

As we dedicate our gifts, O God, we also dedicate ourselves—to share of our abundance, to welcome the stranger, and to do your work of inclusive love in the world. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

Siyahamba

Join in as directed:

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God.**

Benediction

Our scriptures, our experiences, and our hearts all tell us that, as people of faith, we must commit ourselves to a just world for all. Therefore: We covenant with God and each other to seek out, welcome, and deepen relationships with our immigrant neighbors and to work together with them to see that immigrant justice is done.

Postlude *Compassion* Jason Krug (2010)

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!
Zoom breakout rooms are available for friendship and conversation after the service. Whether you attended in person or online, you're invited after worship to a time of fellowship on the church lawn.
We hope you will stay!**

News to Note

Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. in person on Sundays, no registration required. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are glad to have you here! Are you visiting today? [Fill out our virtual visitor card.](#)

Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. Give online by visiting firstucc.org and clicking the "Give Now!" button under the "Giving" tab, or send in your gifts via mail.

News & Announcements

Keep up to date with all of the latest news and upcoming events! [Subscribe to The Chronicle, First UCC's weekly e-newsletter](#), and find First UCC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Past issues of The Chronicle are available at firstucc.org.

This Week at First UCC

Sunday, November 14

1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) (Assembly Room)

Tuesday, November 16

1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Assembly Room)

5 p.m. Carleton College Organ Recital (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Assembly Room)

Wednesday, November 17

7 p.m. CONNECT Group (Assembly Room)

7–8 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

8–9 p.m. Spirit Voices Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 18

10 a.m. Care Team Meeting (Assembly Room)

Sunday, November 21

10:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship: New Member Sunday

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the money for Neighbors in Need is awarded as grants to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. [Learn more about Neighbors in Need.](#) First UCC will be collecting an offering for Neighbors in Need today, November 14. Please consider contributing to this important special mission offering!

Carleton College Organ Recital November 16

Due to a malfunctioning organ at Carleton, First UCC has been offering the use of the organ to four organ students and their teacher for the remainder of their term. The students will present a recital on Tuesday, November 16, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary at First UCC. All are invited!

Braiding Sweetgrass Book Study Beginning November 18 and 22

You are invited to join a book group on Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. Sue Evans will facilitate the group as a fellow reader and traveler. There are two options to participate:

*Thursdays (every other) starting November 18, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room, First UCC (2 spots open)

*Mondays (every other) starting November 22, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Zoom (3 spots open)

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Sue at susancevans@charter.net.

Operation Joy

Operation Joy, a community-wide gift sharing program of the Community Action Center (CAC), is set to take place on December 8, 2021! Through the generosity of hundreds of individual donors and dedicated volunteers, approximately 900 Northfield area children from 350 households will receive gifts through Operation Joy this year. The best way to support this goal is through monetary donations. Donate online at communityactioncenter.org/operation-joy

ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)

ISAIAH has been working for years to reestablish driver's licenses for all in Minnesota, and will keep pressing to make driver's licenses available to everyone—regardless of citizenship status—with your help. Driver's licenses are a safety and equity issue, so our values compel us to pursue it in solidarity with all in need of them. And in that advocacy, we celebrate the steps First UCC is taking to be an Immigrant Welcoming community as part of our congregation's faith journey. Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email isaiah@firstucc.org.

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Thanks to this Week's Leaders



Ushers: Anne Meyer-Ruppel, Margit Johnson, Scott Richardson,
Joan Higinbotham, Crystal Henslin

Reader: Ed Langerak

Digital Zoom Host: Beth Kallestad

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ASL Interpretation: Patty Sheehan

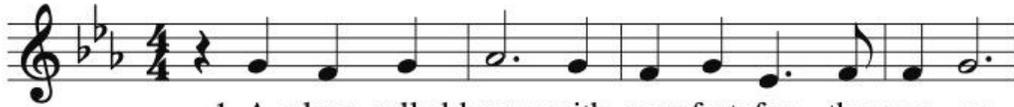
Worship Arts: Linda Gagnon

A PLACE CALLED HOME

FINLANDIA

Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

Words and Arr. Michael Joncas



1. A place called home with com-fort for the wea-ry;
2. A place called home where ten-der-ness can flour-ish;
3. A place called home, a prom-ise for to-mor-row;
4. A place called home for ev-'ry hu-man be-ing;



a place called home of nour-ish-ment and rest;
a place called home, a ha-ven from all harm;
a place called home, a vi-sion hand-ed down;
a place called home where arms are o-pened wide;



a place called home that wel-comes in the stran-ger,
a place called home where chil-dren sleep in safe-ty,
a place called home for all God's sons and daugh-ters,
a place called home where all ex-tend the wel-come,



where one un-known be-comes a wel-come guest,
where hurts are healed, a shel-ter from the storm,
where love pre-vails and peace is ev-er found,
where none are lost, a-lone or cast a-side,



where love can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
where peace can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
where hope can find a hu-man hab-i-ta-tion;
but mem-bers of a sin-gle hu-man fam-'ly;



God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us all this grace: a place called home.
God grant us grace to build a place called home.