



**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Congregation**  
**January 30, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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

**Prelude** *Canzona dopo l'epistola* Girolamo Frescobaldi (1682-1742)

## Welcome & Announcements

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

## Call to Worship

One: God has called us from wherever we are.

**Many: From north and south, east and west, the people of God are gathered.**

One: From all ways of life and every experience, the people of God are gathered.

**Many: Those who are weeping will be consoled.**

One: Those who are thirsty will be led by brooks of water.

**Many: Those who stumble will find a straight path.**

One: We hear God's call through prophet words,

**Many: and we gather in covenant with God and one another.**

One: Come, let us worship our uniting God.

**Opening Hymn** *God of Abraham and Sarah* NCH #20  
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

v1 God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Moses, Miriam's Guide;  
God of David and the prophets,  
God in Jesus glorified:  
Up from dust you raise a people,  
Breathe in the breath of life, of soul;  
Down through the years the people praise you  
till alleluias make them whole!

v3 God who loves the poor in spirit,  
God who comforts those who mourn;  
Balm for wounds, the friend of sinners,  
taking the side of earth's forlorn:  
Up from the depths you raise your people,  
giving them courage for the day;  
Down through the years the people praise you  
till alleluias light their way!

v4 In our lives from birth to dying,  
depth of sorrow, height of joy;  
Praising God in every season,  
let every key our hearts employ.  
Praise is the healing, praise, the glory,  
praise is the final mystery;  
Down through the years let people praise you  
till alleluias set them free!

**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** Jeremiah 1:4–10 and 31:31–34 Leota Goodney

**Sermon** Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Prayer Hymn** *Where Can I Flee Your Presence, God* Ian Kellam  
(see page 8)

**The Prayers**

*We will begin 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.**

**Offertory** *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* Alice Parker (1980)

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know  
Where'er I rest, where'er I go;  
Thou knowest all that I have planned,  
And all my ways are in thy hand.  
Where can I go apart from thee,  
Or whither from thy presence flee?  
In heaven? It is thy dwelling fair;  
In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

My words from thee I cannot hide;  
I feel thy power on every side;  
O wondrous knowledge, awful might,  
Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!  
If I the wings of morning take,  
And far away my dwelling make,  
The hand that leadeth me is thine,  
And my support thy power divine.

If deepest darkness cover me,  
The darkness hideth not from thee;  
To thee both night and day are bright,  
The darkness shineth as the light.

**Prayer of Thanks**

**O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As part of the global village, we pray for world peace, for liberty to those oppressed, for joy to those who are weary. Accept our gifts are one expression of our love and commitment, we pray. Amen.**

**Blessing for Youth & Family Ministry Intern Katie Johnson**

**Hymn of Sending**

*What a Covenant*

NCH #471 (Leaning)

v1 What a covenant, what a joy divine,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.  
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.  
 Leaning, leaning,  
 safe and secure from all alarms;  
 leaning, leaning,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

v2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.  
 Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.  
 Leaning, leaning,  
 safe and secure from all alarms;  
 leaning, leaning,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

v3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms?  
 I have blessed peace with my Savior near,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.  
 safe and secure from all alarms;  
 leaning, leaning,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**We are so glad you worshiped here today! The Annual Meeting will follow worship today on Zoom (11:45 a.m.). Stay on Zoom to join!**

## News to Note

### **Worship Information**

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship is currently only being held online, live-streamed to Zoom and YouTube. 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 now.](#) 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**

#### Monday, January 31

12 p.m.– 6 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (Assembly Room)

6:30 p.m. Braiding Sweetgrass Book Group (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, February 1

1–2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

5 p.m. Overdose Grief Support Group (Big Room)

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

#### Wednesday, February 2

6 p.m. Facilities Committee

6:30 p.m. The Great Escape (Big Room)

#### Thursday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Braiding Sweetgrass Book Group (Zoom)

10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Assembly Room)

#### Saturday, February 5

9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Electronics Recycling (200 Orchard St S)

#### Sunday, February 6

10:30 a.m. Online Worship (Zoom and YouTube)

### **Annual Meeting TODAY at 11:45 a.m.**

Stay on Zoom after worship today for First UCC's annual meeting. [You can download and read the 2021 Annual Report here.](#) Printed copies are available upon request in the church office. Please join us for this important gathering to administer the business of the congregation!

### **Worship Online Only February 6**

Worship will remain online only next Sunday, February 6. The COVID Task Force met, and while they are optimistic that cases are starting to fall, things are still not where they would like them to be for the congregation to meet in-person for worship. They anticipate a return to hybrid worship on February 13, but will keep the congregation up-to-date on further decision making. The building remains open and small groups may continue to meet, masked, distanced and with the air purifiers on.

### **Opt In to the Online Directory**

First UCC will soon be rolling out an online directory for church members, friends, and associate members through our church management software, Breeze! Before you are granted access, we invite you to indicate if you would like to be included in the online directory by [filling out this form](#). If you do not fill out the form and are a member, friend, or associate member, you will automatically be opted in, and your contact information will be available in the online directory.

At a later date, you will be invited to create an account with Breeze. Through your account, you will be able to view the online directory, as well as edit your own information, manage your giving, and more. There's also an app for your phone! Stay tuned for more information. [Opt in or out of the online directory using this form](#).

### **Set Up Recurring Online Giving for First UCC**

It's easy to set up a recurring online gift for First UCC! A reminder that if you had an automatic gift set up through Suran Systems/Engage, all gifts were cancelled in that system December 31. You must arrange to set up your giving in our NEW online giving system, Breeze, or arrange for bill pay with your bank. Visit <https://firstucc.org/giving/donate-electronically-now/> for more information about how to set up your recurring gift. Questions? Call the church office at 507-645-7532 or email [church@firstucc.org](mailto:church@firstucc.org).

### **ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)**

Caucuses are a first, important step in “building a just and abundant MN through faith in action.” Major political parties will hold state caucuses on February 1 at 7 p.m. Visit political party websites for more information about caucuses. Become a delegate and advocate for a just society through caucuses! Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org).

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**First UCC Leadership & Staff**



**Ministers:** All the people

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**Audio Visual Technician:** Brynn Artley

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**Thanks to this Week's Leaders**



**Reader:** Leota Goodney

**Digital Zoom Host:** Beth Kallestad

**Guest Musicians:** Mary Carlson, vocals

**Tech Team:** Annika Reister

**Worship Arts:** Linda Gagnon

# WHERE CAN I FLEE

Martha Postlethwaite, 2005

WILSONYATES C.M.

Ian Kellam, 2005



1 Where can— I flee your pre - sence God;  
2 If I— should probe the farth - est realms  
3 A - maz - ing love, what mys - ter - y,



where hide— from your pur - su - - - ing grace?  
of life— be - yond your guid - - - ing call;  
for though I stray at ev - - - 'ry turn,



You— know— my soul, my ev - - - 'ry cell.  
E'en— there— your hand shall com - - fort me,  
You— nev - er stop de - sir - - ing me,



Though I— am lost, in you— I dwell.  
in all— I touch and know— and see.  
Un - til,— in all, your face— I see.