



**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**First United Church of Christ**  
**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,**  
**Immigrant Welcoming Congregation**  
**June 12, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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

**Prelude** *With Joy I Await the Lovely Summertime* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Choral Prelude No. 4, Op. 122

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Music** *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* Bruce Harding (2002)

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.**

### Call to Worship

One: We know the beauty of this June day, and we are grateful.

**ALL: We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful.**

One: We share the love of family and friends, and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful.

**ALL: We know the opportunity to bring our selves to this new day, that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving.**

One: We come to worship with thanksgiving and praise.

**Opening Hymn** *Morning Has Broken*  
(see page 8)

### 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.**

### Statement of Commitment (Open & Affirming Statement, revised)

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**Anthem** *Morning Air Song* Malcolm Williamson (1931-2003)

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.  
For the Lord God is a light and a defence; the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall be withheld from them that lead a goodly life.  
O Lord God of hosts, blessed are the ones that put their trust in thee.

—from Psalm 84

**Scripture** 1 Kings 19:1-15a

**Sermon** Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Prayer Hymn** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* #489 (Evan)

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

2 I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad,  
And there I found a resting place, where Jesus made me glad!

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, draw near, and drink, and live."

4 I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I am redeemed.

### 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: All:

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the spir-it of

God in - ter - cedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

### 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

*The Path to Grace*  
from *The Revelations of Divine Love*

Carlson Cooman (2009)

In our mortal life, mercy and forgiveness make the path that leads us steadily to grace. And because the tempest of sorrow falls across our way, we are often dead, according to the judgment of this world; yet in the sight of God, the soul that shall be saved was never dead. Nor shall it ever be.

—adapted from Julian of Norwich

### Prayer of Thanks

**Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

### Hymn of Sending

*As Water to the Thirsty*  
(see page 9)

Oasis

### Benediction

### Postlude

*The Heavens Declare*

Robert Wetzler (1932-)

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!  
You're invited to stay on Zoom for friendship and conversation.**

## News to Note

### Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. in person on Sundays. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. 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 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](http://firstucc.org).

## This Week at First UCC

### Sunday, June 12

10:30 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. Leonard "Len" Wenc Memorial Service

7:10 p.m. Fighting Apostles vs St. John's (Sechler 2)

### Tuesday, June 14

10 a.m. First UCC Women's Group (Zoom; contact [wjk@q.com](mailto:wjk@q.com) for details)

1 – 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Assembly Room)

### Wednesday, June 15

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

### Thursday, June 16

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

2 p.m. Book Group (Assembly Room)

### Saturday, June 18

10 a.m. Jerry Hankins Visitation

11 a.m. Jerry Hankins Memorial Service

### Sunday, June 19

10:30 a.m. Worship

## **Call for Congregational Meeting June 19**

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 19, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on accepting First UCC's racial justice covenant, and to approve a revised version of the Open and Affirming covenant. Members, please join us to add your voice and vote to these important topics.

The covenants under consideration are as follows:

### *Racial Justice Covenant*

As members of the First United Church of Christ of Northfield, we covenant with God and each other to engage in the work of racial justice to unmask, dismantle and eradicate racism from our society. We make this commitment knowing we are fallible people in a fractured world. Our actions will include building an anti-racist community through confronting our own racism, owning our racist history, and repenting of our role in systemic racism; fostering existing and new relationships to work toward racial equity; committing resources to racial justice; and listening to, trusting, and valuing the experiences of the people most impacted by racism. Our commitment to this covenant rests on our belief that God envisions a world in which people are treated with equality and dignity.

### *Revised ONA*

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## **Masks Optional**

Per the CDC, Rice County has returned to the Green Zone/low risk for COVID. With the change, masks are now optional in the building at First UCC. The community guidelines can be somewhat confusing, with local case rates still elevated. While masking is again optional, those who may be at higher risk for COVID are well protected by wearing a well-fitting N95 style mask. Masking is always okay and anyone who is not feeling well to stay home is encouraged to stay home.

### **Hearing Assistance Available**

Hearing assistance is available for those who desire it. Small radio transmitter packs that connect with the sound system and have ear buds can be found in a basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the pack to the basket after worship.

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed**

First UCC is seeking volunteer hosts for Coffee Hour for the summer months! Volunteering is easy; simply pick up First UCC's order at Brick Oven Bakery on the Sunday morning you are hosting, make coffee in the First UCC kitchen, and clean up afterward! If you're a baker and want to supplement with your own treats, you are welcome to. Instructions are available for those willing to help but who haven't hosted coffee hour in the past. [Sign up here](#), and also find the link to sign up at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org). Questions or concerns? Please contact Sue Evans at [susancevans@charter.net](mailto:susancevans@charter.net) or Annie Kramer at [anniekramer@charter.net](mailto:anniekramer@charter.net).

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

Contact your MN legislators and Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller. Let them know how important it is that they finish business that they were only a few days from completing. The legislature had agreements on funding for education, serving mental health needs, support for caregivers, weatherization for underserved communities, matching funds to get federal infrastructure money and more, but fumbled the session's end before settling details. Tell them to complete items with a special session so we take one more step toward a more caring society. The Senate has so far backed away from agreeing to this. 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

**Moderator:** Deb Gottfried

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Associate Minister:** Rev. Lauren Baske Davis

**Director of Music:** Chris Brunelle

**Organist:** Theo Wee

**Director of Communications & Operations:** Green Bouzard

**Spirit Voices Director & Arts Coordinator:** Bob Gregory-Bjorklund

**AV Technician:** Brynn Artley

**Sexton:** Mark Fischer

**Thanks to this Week's Leaders**



**Ushers:** Jeffrey Latterell, Linda Larson, Gina Washburn, Elise Eslinger, Barbara Crouter

**Digital Zoom Host:** Gary Wagenbach

**Tech Team:** Mackenzie Perkins

**Worship Arts:** Linda Gagnon

# Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

*In unison*

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

MORNING

# As Water to the Thirsty

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*Unison* F6 Fmaj7 F6 Gm7/F Fsus F

1 As wa - ter to the thirst - y, as beau - ty to the eyes, as  
 2 Like calm in place of clam - or, like peace that fol - lows pain, like  
 3 As sleep that fol - lows fe - ver, as gold in - stead of gray, as

Gm9 C Fmaj7 F6 Asus/E A A7 Dm

strength that fol - lows weak - ness, as truth in - stead of lies, as  
 meet - ing af - ter part - ing, like sun - shine af - ter rain, like  
 free - dom af - ter bond - age, as sun - rise to the day, as

Gm C#2 C Am D#2 Dm Bbmaj7 Gm/Bb C#2 C7

song - time and spring - time and sum - mer - time to be, so  
 moon - light and star - light and sun - light on the sea, so  
 home to the trav - eler and all we long to see, so

Am Dm2 Dm Gm C2 C Bb F/A Gm7 C7 F

is my Lord, my liv - ing Lord, so is my Lord to me.

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