

GO & DO THE SAME 

TREASURE
WHAT MATTERS

LUKE 12:13-21

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First United Church of Christ

**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,
Immigrant Welcoming Congregation**

October 23, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude

Prelude on Hyfrydol

Mark Sedio

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music

Love Is Flowing
(join in as directed)

Marty Haugen

One: Love is flow-ing: All: Love is flow-ing, love is flow-ing from the
foun-tain of life. Love is flow-ing, love is flow-ing,
love is flow - ing from the foun - tain of life.

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship with many things taking up our mental space.

Many: **Do we have enough? Enough saved for college. Enough money for retirement. Enough time to reach our goals.**

One: But what matters to you? What really matters?

Many: **When the sun goes down, and we are alone with our thoughts, we often wonder whether we have enough things we need to sustain us for the long journey of life.**

One: Like the landowner in our parable, we tend to build bigger and bigger barns, first in our imaginations and then in real life, so we can accumulate more and more stuff so we can feel secure.

Many: **But no matter how big we build our barns, they are never big enough.**

One: Through this service we are invited to worship a God whose Realm provides more than enough for all. Come, let us worship this expansive God.

Opening Hymn

All My Hope on God Is Founded

#408 (Michael)

All My Hope on God is Founded

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All My Hope on God is Founded'. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: All my hope on God is found - ed; Still doth God my Hu - man pride and earth - ly glo - ry, Sword and crown be - Dai - ly doth th'al - might - y giv - er Boun - teous gifts on - Still from earth to God e - ter - nal Sac - ri - fice of trust re - new. Me through change and chance God tray God's trust; Though with care and toil we us be - stow; God's de - sire our soul de - praise be - done, High a - bove all prais - es guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's light - eth; plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth prais - ing for the gift of Christ the son. Christ doth known, God a - lone, Calls my heart to be God's own. power, hour by hour, Is my tem - ple and my tower. stand at God's hand; Joy doth wait on God's com - mand. call one and all; Ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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.

Rite of Baptism

Clara Heinz

Child of Anne Sawyer Heinz and Joey Heinz, sibling of Asher
Sponsors are Madalyn Heinz (aunt) and Melissa Haars (friend)

Invitation

Questions

Congregational Response and Covenant

We promise our love, support, and care. We covenant together with God and one another, trusting in God's continuing guidance, to seek to understand and do God's will, to explore the mystery of Christ, and to witness to God's reconciling love.

**Baptismal Prayer
Act of Baptism
Prayer of Dedication**

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

old Cornish tune
text: Roberta Bard

The Lord is my shepherd, my guard and my guide.
Whatsoever I want, he will surely provide.
Ever since I was born, it is he that hath crowned
The life that he gave me with blessings all 'round.

Scripture

Luke 12:15-21

Sermon

Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Verses 1, 3, and 4 only

#43 (Hyfrydol)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found.
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.

Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove,
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Prayers

We will join in prayer aloud and in silence. All joining worship online are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.

Prayer Response

Hear My Cry, O God

Ray Makeever



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.

Generosity Moment

Mary Carlson

Sharing Our Gifts

The hearts in the offering plate are for the children's offering. The children's offering is being collected to raise money to help our neighbors at Viking Terrace.

Offertory

Like as the Hart

Malcolm Williamson (1976)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, o God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God;
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,
While daily they say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself,
For I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God.

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
Among such as keep holyday.

—Psalm 42:1-4

Prayer of Thanks

As we bring our gifts, we commit ourselves to working together toward that day when individuals, households, and communities will no longer be consumed by the anxiety that leads to bigger and bigger barns. Instead, we choose to live out of the unimaginable fullness that God works for us through community. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

#563 (Endless Song)

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
That all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in F Major

D. Buxtehude

We are so glad you worshiped here today!

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

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This Week at First UCC

Sunday, October 23

9:15 a.m. Composting Workshop (Parlor)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Assembly Room)
11:30 a.m. Social Justice Small Group (Big Room)
11:45 a.m. Composting Workshop (Parlor)
6:00 p.m. Evening Gathering Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 25

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Northfield Handbells (Assembly Room)
7:30 p.m. Council (Big Room)

Wednesday, October 26

4:00 p.m. Social Justice Small Group (Library)
6:00 p.m. Trustees (Online)
6:30 p.m. God and Everything Else (Library)
6:30 p.m. The Great Escape (Big Room)
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 30

9:00 a.m. All Church Cleanup Day

Covid Task Force Update The Covid Task Force first convened in March, 2020, and we are still meeting, albeit less frequently this year than last. We continue to monitor CDC guidelines, Rice County and Dakota County reports, community transmission levels, and wastewater reports. We are linking mask use to community transmission levels and will make recommendations accordingly. Right now, the signage on the church doors has been removed; if it is necessary to return to full masking, the signs will return. Masks will be available at each door, for those who would like one. Wearing a mask is ALWAYS ok. The air purifiers will continue to run during church and gatherings. Communion will continue in its current form. Please get your Covid vaccine and booster(s) and please get your Flu shot. Stay home if you are not feeling well; this year it is anticipated that flu will be widespread along with all those other viral illnesses we see during a MN winter. Last, I want to offer a shout out to the team: Janet Lewis Muth, Linda Larson, Ben Miller, Erin Barnett, John Menk, Pastor Cindy and Pastor Lauren. Best, Anne Meyer Ruppel, Chair, Covid Task Force

Composting Workshop TODAY!

Join the Creation Care Team today, Sun., Oct. 23, before worship at 9:15 or after worship at 11:45 to learn about composting at home. The Rice County Sanitary Landfill is likely to be full by around 2035, and there are no sites planned for the future. Local municipalities are under pressure to find ways to extend the life of our existing site. Approximately 30% of hauled waste is organic waste, which produces the greenhouse gas methane when not composted. Removing these items from our weekly trash is important, and here in Northfield, we are fortunate to be able to compost them so they become a valuable resource! Come learn more today!

Church Launches Brand New Website

Our brand new website went "live" this week so be sure to check it out! The address is the same: <http://www.firstucc.org>. You will still find all the same information--plus lots more!--but it has been moved around. To find your Breeze account, click on "About" and then "Members and Friends." This will bring up links to most items you need. We are always looking for high quality photos of our lively community to use on our website, so if you have any you think would work well, email them to church@firstucc.org.

We Need Post-High School/College Addresses for Care Packages

Do you have a young person just out of high school/in college? Please drop us their name, address, and college graduation year so we can update our info and send out post grad/college care packages. Please email info to Jami at: reisterroost@gmail.com before October 30th!

Join Us! New Member Orientation Nov. 6th, New Member Sunday Nov. 20th

Fall 2022 New Member Sunday will take place in worship on Sun., Nov. 20th. The New Member Orientation session will be held after worship at 11:45am on Nov. 6th. We hope that those of you who have not 'officially' become members of First UCC yet will plan to join us! For more information, or to let us know you will be attending, please contact Jean Haslett, Membership Team Chair at hasletts66@yahoo.com or 507-650-0753. Hope to see you then!

Coffee Hour Volunteers and Coordinator Needed

Volunteer hosts are needed for Coffee Hour! Starting in September, Coffee Hour will be a weekly event. Volunteering is easy to do, and orientation will be provided for those who are new to Coffee Hour hosting. Interested? [Sign up to host here](#). First UCC is also looking for a volunteer to serve as the Coffee Hour coordinator. If you are interested, please contact church@firstucc.org.

ISAIAH (Faith-Based Community Organizing)

ISAIAH reminds us: "In the political arena, 'winning' is often the goal...in a zero-sum game or winner takes all. Little is thought of the opponent, but...victory and power. But for people of faith, our benchmarks, tactics and strategies are...very different. We're called to love our enemies. To be counter cultural. To care for the poor, widows, immigrants and orphans. We're taught that the 'first will be last and the last will be first.' Our call in this midterm season as voters is to stand firm in the faith, to be courageous and strong. And in all and everything we do, we are called to do it in love." 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



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