

GO & DO THE SAME

21st Sunday after Pentecost
First United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,
Immigrant Welcoming Congregation
October 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

A Mighty Fortress

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music

Love Is Flowing

Marty Haugen

join in as directed

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.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Love Is Flowing' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features three staves of music. The first staff is for the 'One' part, starting with a quarter rest followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The second staff is for the 'All' part, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Call to Worship

One: Come together, joining hands and hearts.

Many: Let our hands be links of chain which hold our lives together—

One: not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength,

Many: a ribbon of love and faith and community,

One: giving us slack to sail the wind, yet holding us in a mystical embrace,

Many: that we may be alone but never lonely,

One: that we may be together but never lost in the crowd,

Many: that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.

One: Come together, joining hands and hearts,

Many: and let the spirit of God flow in and through us all as we walk together on the journey.

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

#439 (Ein feste Burg)

verses 1 and 2 sung by the choir (arr. Carl Schalk),
verses 3 and 4 sung by all

Verse 3: And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.

The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure:
one little word shall fell them.

Verse 4: That word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures forever.

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: Our Church Covenant

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.

Anthem

He Is the Way

Ronald Arnatt (1930-)

He is the Way.
Follow Him through the Land of Unlikeness;
You will see rare beasts, and have unique adventures.

He is the Truth.
Seek Him in the Kingdom of Anxiety;
You will come to a great city that has expected your return for years.

He is the Life.
Love Him in the World of the Flesh;
And at your marriage all its occasions shall dance for joy.

—W.H. Auden (1907-1973), from *For the Time Being* (1942)

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

Shawn Nuebel

Sermon

Rev. Cindy Maddox

Prayer Hymn

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

#175 (Kentridge)

V1: O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

V2: From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed.
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

V3: In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

V4: Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

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

Musical notation for the prayer response. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes.

Hear my cry, O God. Lis-ten to my prayer, lis-ten to my song,
sing - ing prais - es all a - long.

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 Savina

Sharing Our Gifts

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

Offertory

On the Common Ground

Alice Parker (1925-)

Help me, Lord, find the common ground
between the high and the low, between the poor and the rich,
between the old and the young, between the black and the white.

Help me find the common ground
between the shouting and the silence, between the bound and the free,
between the grief and the joy, between the heart and the mind.

Open us, Lord, guide us to that meeting place,
where we can see each other, hear each other,
care for each other.

Where we can sing together, work together,
play together on the common ground.
Come, let us meet together on the common ground.

Prayer of Thanks

O God, through the offering of these gifts and pledges, may we become a more open people: open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves to you. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

For the Fruit of All Creation

#425 (Ar Hyd Y Nos)

V1: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

V2: In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

V3: For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Benediction

Postlude

Finale

Hans Micheelsen (1902-1973)

We're so glad you worshiped here today!

Thanks to this week's leaders:

Ushers: Lois Langerak, Ed Langerak, Sarah Forster, Matt Forster, Nancy Barbour

Digital Greeter: Beth Kallestad

Reader: Shawn Nuebel

This Week at First UCC

Sunday, October 30

9:15 a.m. Halloween Party (Big Room)

10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Assembly Room)

11:30 a.m. Youth & Children Christmas Musical Kickoff (Big Room)

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Assembly Room)

6:00 p.m. Evening Gathering Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 31

All Day Carpet Cleaning (Building Closed)

Tuesday, November 1

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 2

4:00 p.m. Social Justice Small Group (Library)

6:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Assembly Room)

6:30 p.m. God and Everything Else Group (Library)

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 3

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Commitment Sunday

Today we celebrate Commitment Sunday, when we bring our Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you haven't yet turned in your form, you still can. Estimates of Giving cards are located at the back of the sanctuary, or fill out the form on the First UCC website. Then please join us in celebratory treats after worship during coffee hour in the Assembly Room.

Building Closed Monday, October 31st

The carpets on the main level of the building will be cleaned on Monday, October, so the building will be closed to all use.

Church Launches Brand New Website

Our brand new website went "live" last 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.

"Whose Home Land?" Two conversations after worship

You are encouraged to attend two adult forums at our church right after the Sunday service on November 6 and 13. "Whose Home Land?" raises questions and offers information about the founding

of our church in 1855 and Northfield in 1856, seven years before the Dakota were exiled from most of southern Minnesota, their Mni Sota Makoçe.

November 6, 11:45-12:30

Session 1: Dakota and Settler Colonists Cross Paths in Northfield in the 19th century

Matt Rohn, presenter

November 13, 11:45-12:30

Session 2: Olive W. Riggs (1876-1969): The Christian Mission to the Dakota has a connection both to First UCC and to our home.

Dick Crouter, presenter

New Connect Group Beginning Wed. Nov. 9th

Periodically, Connect small groups are offered—typically for a period of six to eight weeks. These small groups for adults focus on meaningful conversations on different topics. Connect began primarily as a way of welcoming new members into our Church community. It has grown to be intended for members, new members, friends, and anyone who is interested in spending time with others working through the heart to deepen their relationship with God and one another. Using spiritual practices like quiet, reflection on scripture and sermon, and sharing our life journeys, community is created. The next Connect group will meet beginning Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30p.m. facilitated by Mary Carlson and Judy Bond, and will meet weekly through December 21, excluding November 23. The group is capped at 12 participants. Sign up for Connect [here](#).

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! We have open dates in November and December. 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.

Welcome to Worship at First UCC!

We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming Congregation.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. 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!

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 "Donate Online Now!" under the "Giving" tab, place your gift in the offering plate, 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, at firstucc.org, and find First UCC on Facebook and Instagram. Past issues of The Chronicle are available at firstucc.org.

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