

# Welcome to First Congregational

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## **Donating to First Congregational UCC**

You are invited to donate via virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click “Give” to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256. Checks can also still be mailed to the church.

## **References to God**

References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We acknowledge this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

## **Online Streaming and Podcasting**

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible at [www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons).

You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on [Facebook.com/1stCongo](https://www.facebook.com/1stCongo) or at [www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream).

## **Online Documents and Information**

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website: [www.firstcongoappleton.org](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org).

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2020

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries

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## PRELUDE

*This Is My Father's World/ He's Got the Whole World*

Trad.

Kristen Henke, trumpet    Shelley Nulton, piano

## RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

## YOUTH PRAYER

Nathan Wildes

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Lord of all, you give us work to do, whether it is at home, at school, at a place of employment, at church or elsewhere. Above all, you give us the greatest work of love. Be in our hearts and minds, transforming and growing your love in us, empowering us with your Holy Spirit, and giving us grace sufficient to labor in love with you. God of love, teach us and train us to imitate you. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN #60

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

### Stanza 1:

**This is my Fa-ther's world; and to my lis-tening ears,  
all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.**

**This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won-ders wrought.**

### Stanza 2:

**This is my Moth-er's world; the birds their car-ols raise,  
the morn-ing light, the flow-ers bright, de-clare their Ma-ker's praise.**

**This is my Moth-er's world; she shines in all that's fair;  
in rus-tling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me ev-ery-where.**

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**Stanza 3:**

**This is my Mak-er's world; oh let me ne'er for-get,  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru-ler yet.  
This is my Mak-er's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The heav-ens ring; let na-ture sing. God reigns; let earth be glad.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Renee Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-13 (NT, p. 198)

MEDITATION

"Have I Done Enough?"

Rev. Nicholas Hatch

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Something for Thee*

R. Lowry

Kris Glenn, *soprano*

Nevan Glenn, *boy treble*

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**GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, email to a pastor for confidentiality or share your prayer requests in real time in the Comments section under the live stream video.)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In unison)

**Our Father, 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN** (see bulletin p. 4)

*Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

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## LITANY FOR THE WORK TO COME

Leader: Whatever you do,

**People: Work at it**

Leader: With all your heart,

**People: As working for the Lord.**

Leader: Not for people.

**People: It is the Lord Jesus Christ**

Leader: You are serving.

**People: Our guide and Savior in heaven,**

Leader: Who Oversees our work on earth.

**People: To whom we all answer,**

Leader: From who we all receive,

**People: His inheritance as our reward.**

Leader: Keep us ever mindful of you,

**All: And faithful to the work you've entrusted to us.  
In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

(Please refer to the electronic materials sent to your email, or, the physical copies of the upcoming budget which may have been mailed to you. We will have an online vote and tally physical ballots later in the week.)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Shelley Nulton, *assistant organist*

Kris Glenn, *soprano*

Nevan Glenn, *boy treble*

Kristen Henke, *trumpet*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

**Thank you to Paul Black for serving as our lay reader this morning!**

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**Livestream our Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 AM on Facebook  
or at [www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream/](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship-with-us/livestream/)**

**Daily Prayer Chapel Live on Facebook: Monday-Friday at Noon**

### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jane Anderson

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:2-7

Music: John Harmon, *jazz pianist* John Toussaint, *trumpet* Sue Toussaint, *alto*



## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Members of our church family benefit from our prayers, support, and words of encouragement as they celebrate special times or struggle with difficulties in their lives. Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

**If you are in the hospital, please let the church know, as we are not always notified. In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call (920) 810-2600.**

Jill Anthony's sister  
Paul Bauman  
Katie Behl  
Arlene Beyer  
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother  
Olive Bopp  
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks  
Don Brittnacher  
Chris Calhoun  
Dick Casperson  
John Cawthon  
Steve Chapin  
Lynn Cook  
Michael, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law  
Jim Edwards  
Rachel DeMoss Edwards  
Margitta Furnner  
Esther Gehrt  
Ken Geiger  
Ivo Geurts  
Linda Glancey, Lane Pittner's mother  
Rev. Nick Hatch  
Maggie Hendrick  
Ken Hocking  
Carolyn and Jim Huddleston  
Immigrants/refugees seeking a better life  
Jean Jepson  
Our Kenyan partners and students  
Sylvia King  
Ervin Klesmit  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law

Family of Rev. Kathryn Kuhn upon the death  
of her mother  
Carrie Brooks McClory and her triplets  
Mike Mathews  
Shari Mitchell  
Our country's military around the world  
Ellie Olson  
Mory, Anthony Padilla's son  
Families and children of Palestine  
Diane Ragus  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Ken Rheingans  
Don Roehrborn  
Mary Rowland  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides  
Judy Schneider  
Frank Severin  
Jake Smasal  
Amanda Spindler  
Cole Stoffel  
All those in need of suicide prevention and  
compassionate caregivers  
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke  
Beverly Trombla  
Don Utschig  
Jean Van Wagenin  
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter  
Jean Wegner  
Jennifer Wild  
The World in the midst of the pandemic

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## **Troop 8 Anniversary Celebration Postponed**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the unavailability of meeting rooms at First Congo, the Troop 8 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is regretfully postponing the August 8, 2020 celebration until summer 2021. Moving the event outdoors was considered, but ultimately rejected due to weather uncertainties and possible limits on public gatherings.

As unfortunate and disappointing as this is, we hope to use our service projects still planned for that day as a launching point for a series of troop events throughout the next year that will culminate in the celebration next summer.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page @troop8turns100 for more information. Email troop8turns100@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions. We will publish a date for the big celebration as soon as possible so you can make plans to join us in summer 2021!



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# Worship and Music

*A diverse community practicing faith,  
finding spiritual connection and experiencing  
the Holy through artful sound.*

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## **Music for Food: Enjoy and Support!**

A message from John Albrecht:

Cathy Kautsky (LU Professor of Piano who has performed in our sanctuary) approached me last April with her plans for this project, knowing our congregation as “both socially conscious and musically inclined.” With recording assistance from Jonathan Steffen (our Technology Coordinator) for those students sheltering in Appleton, and the work of many others, Cathy has brought her project to life. We know you will enjoy hearing these pianists (several of them playing our Sanctuary Steinway), and we encourage your support of St. Joe’s Food Program!

## **Music for Food**

Friday, June 26 • 7:00 PM  
(premier on YouTube)

*Music for Food* is delighted to present an online concert by our dear friends at Lawrence University on **June 26, 2020**, at 7:00 PM Central Time.

*Music for Food* is a nonprofit organization that uses concerts to generate funds for food pantries; turning the ineffable into the tangible. In this time of pandemic that has revealed and exacerbated devastating imbalances in our society’s distribution of

resources, musicians can still use their art to combat the food insecurity crisis.

Piano students from Lawrence University have generously donated their talents to create a beautiful video program to benefit St. Joseph's food pantry in Appleton, WI.

On June 26, listeners can tune into the video premier at [https://youtu.be/\\_AR2ny9dfg](https://youtu.be/_AR2ny9dfg) and donate at <https://musicforfood.net/index.php/donation/>

All proceeds from this concert will be sent to St. Joseph's. **Please designate your gifts as "St. Joe's Food Program" when you donate.** We do hope you'll join us for this wonderful performance!

A message from Cathy Kautsky:

When on-campus instruction ceased, our performances became virtual rather than live, and our lives were transformed. This video is a testimony to both dislocation and transformation: some students recorded on a beautiful instrument in Appleton, others recorded on electronic keyboards in tiny apartments or in studios halfway across the world. All of us, though, came to depend on our music-making more than ever, and all of us thought about the different ways in which music can nourish a world in deep need of restoration.

Our hope is that this beautiful music can serve our own community in both body and soul.

We're honored to work with Music for Food, for no organization better represents the role of musicians in the

fight for social justice. Any contribution you make will be processed through the *Music for Food* national organization. No administrative costs will be deducted, and all donations will immediately be sent to St Joes Food Pantry in the Fox Valley, so that they can be distributed wherever need is greatest.

We would be honored if you join us, both through listening and through making a donation. We want to make our music count.



## Reopening Update

Taking into consideration the needs of our church, public health guidelines and our local coronavirus situation, the leadership of our church has affirmed that Sunday worship will continue to be fully online through **Labor Day**.

We will continue to improve and innovate our weekly services and welcome your suggestions.

Thank you for your understanding as we seek to provide a healthy and wholesome place for all to worship!

## Welcome Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

We are excited to announce Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright as our new Designated Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission.

Rev. Laurie will be officially introduced to the congregation at the June 21 worship service and will begin work in the office on Monday, June 22.

You can read a complete bio about Laurie on our website under the News and Events section:

<https://www.firstcongoappleton.org/2020/06/first-congo-welcomes-rev-laurie-lyter-bright/>.



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## Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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### Plant-a-Row in Action

Our team was hard at work at the plant-a-row location on May 30. The garden plot is located just beyond the Community Clothes Closet (1465B Opportunity Way, Menasha). A big thank you to all of our volunteers!

The community garden project provides fresh produce for the St. Joe's Food Pantry. During the 2019 Plant-A-Row Season, 1,900 pounds of produce were grown and delivered to St. Joe's Food Pantry.

