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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.

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.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website: www.firstcongoappleton.org.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2020

9:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright, Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

PRELUDE

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

John Harmon, *piano* John Toussaint, *trumpet*

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

Maddison Hatch

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God in heaven, you know our coming in and our going out. Give us a greater understanding of your watchfulness over us and of our accountability to you. Open and expand our hearts and minds and spirits that we may receive your word and truth for us this day. Lead us deeper in communion with you, precious Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #109

Fairest Lord Jesus

SCHONSTER HERR JESU

Stanza 1:

**Fair-est Lord Je-sus, ru-ler of all na-ture,
O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cher-ish,
thee will I hon-or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.**

Stanza 2:

**Fair are the mead-ows, fair-er still the wood-lands,
robed in the bloom-ing garb of the spring: Je-sus is fair-er,
Je-sus is pur-er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.**

Stanza 3:

**Fair is the sun-shine, fair-er still the moon-light,
and all the twink-ling, star-ry host: Je-sus shines bright-er,
Je-sus shines pur-er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Colleen Berry

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 1:2-7 (NT, p. 286)

MEDITATION

"What is Required of Us for Community?"

Rev. Jane Anderson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Swing Low and The Preacher

African American Spiritual/H. Silver

Sue Toussaint, *alto* John Toussaint, *trumpet* John Harmon, *piano*

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click "Give" to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256).

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 #386

We Are One in the Spirit

ST. BRENDAN'S

Stanza 1:

**We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.**

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Stanza 2:

We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Stanza 3:

We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each ones dig-ni-ty and save each one's pride,
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

This is the promise as well as the reminder that the way we live in a world is our expression
of the gospel message

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CLOSING LITANY

Leader: O God, you call us to love one another.

People: We tend to love those who love us back.

Leader: We cannot always love those we find unlovable.

People: We want to be better people than that.

Leader: Bring to our minds the ways you have loved us when we were unlovable.

People: Help us put away our unloving tendencies.

Leader: For your sake, let us show true love and caring to others.

People: In your strength, we can love even those who have hurt us.

Leader: Teach us to show forgiveness and compassion so that we love the way you call us to love.

People: Empower us to love for the ways we need it and the ways others need it.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What A Morning!

African American Spiritual

John Harmon, *piano* John Toussaint, *trumpet*

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

John Harmon, *guest pianist*

John Toussaint, *trumpet*

Sue Toussaint, *alto*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Thank you to LouAnn Graf 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/**

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

Upcoming Worship Schedule

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Music: David Cook, *assistant organist* Kristen Henke, *trumpet* Jesse Baumgart, *tenor*

Lay Reader: Michael Weaver

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
Family of Adam Baith (Deb and Chuck
Burich's nephew) upon his death
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
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
Cheryl Reissmann
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
Jack Thiel
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

Worship and Music

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

Welcome Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

We are excited to announce Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright as our new Designated Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions. Pastor Laurie will begin preaching in worship on Sunday, July 5.

You can read a complete bio about Laurie on the First Congo website under the **News and Events** section.



Administration

Congratulations Dianne Droster!

Each year, the Conference awards three scholarships. The winner of this year's Carl H. Zeyher Award is Dianne Droster.

Dianne has been serving as the Interim Pastor for Our Shepherd UCC in Howards

Grove since January. She is also the Caring Ministries Coordinator for First English Lutheran Church in Appleton. A four-year graduate of Lay Academy, Dianne has continued her education at United Theological Seminary Twin Cities and through training in mental health ministries.

At First Congo, she has been involved with Stephen Ministry, the Fellowship Team, the Mental Health task force, the Service Sunday Team, the Intergenerational Musical, and primary, middle, and high school ministries, among other activities. She was previously a professor at Lawrence University in Appleton. Congratulations Dianne!

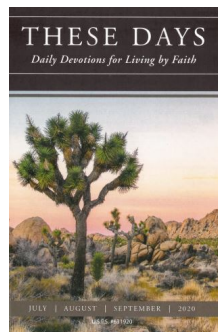
Read more about the Carl H. Zeyher award and the other scholarships at <https://files.constantcontact.com/4fc4c9cb001/b1ed0c8a-d9a7-4c74-94f6-476009fcf271.pdf>.

These Days

Copies of *These Days* Daily Devotionals for July-September are now available.

You can pick up a copy on Monday, June 29 from 12:00 – 4:30 PM.

Look for the box outside the main entrance of First Congo.



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The sign says it all!



A special thanks to Shelley Aaholm for blessing us with this wonderful message.

The Ministry

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor

Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries

Reverend Laurie Lyter Bright, Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Reverend Art Wille, Pastor of Visitation

John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries

Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education

Renee Taylor, Director for Youth Ministries

Jennifer DeWitt, CYF Coordinator

Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant

Holly Volkman, Administrative Assistant for Communications

Jane Malin, Administrative Assistant

Siri Witt, Bookkeeper

Jonathan Steffen, Technology Coordinator

Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor

Theresa Iacullo, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider

Cassidy Behm, Infant/Toddler Child Care Provider

Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant

Mary Lou Cliff, Custodial Assistant

Lauren Micke, Weekend Custodial Assistant

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