

July 19 Highlights at 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.

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

arr. Charles Callahan

Kristen Henke, trumpet Shelley Nulton, assistant organist

Just as I Am

Elliott/Bradbury

Tami Johnson, guitar and alto

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

Jackson Wildes

WELCOME

OPENING RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION (from the Iona Community)

Leader: That we worship one God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, by whose energy we are renewed:

All: This we believe.

Leader: That it is central to the mission of Christ to respect the earth as God's possession, to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve human life in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for all people and all places and to invite others to share that converting experience:

All: This we believe.

Leader: That God has called the church into being to be the servant of the kin-dom, to be a sign of God's new order, to offer a foretaste on earth of the magnificence of heaven:

All: This we believe.

Leader: That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world might believe:

All: This we believe and to this we are committed for the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN #464 (see below)

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

VIENNA

1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine;
4. Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treas-ure store;

take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.
take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Renee Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

MEDITATION

"Does Jesus Change People's Lives?"

Rev. John McFadden

MUSICAL REFLECTION

El Shaddai

Card/Thompson

Tami Johnson, *guitar and alto*

(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 (see bulletin, p. 6)

Will You Come and Follow Me (the Summons)

KELVINGROVE

CLOSING RESPONSE (from the Iona Community)

Leader: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this place, and these people, we give ourselves to you.

All: Take us out to live as changed people, because we have been touched by the living Lord and cannot remain the same.

Leader: Ask much from us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

All: So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Partita

J. S. Bach

Thank you to Eilene Hoft-March for serving as our lay reader this morning!

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TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Tami Johnson, *guitar and alto*

Shelley Nulton, *assistant organist*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

Today's Special Guest

We welcome back Rev. Dr. John McFadden to our pulpit this morning. John served as senior pastor of our church from 1983–2005. He is the author of *The Open Door: A History of First Congregational Church 1850–2000* and, more recently with his spouse Susan H. McFadden, *Aging Together: Dementia, Friendship and Flourishing Communities*.



Susan and John were each awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lakeland University, honoring their work in aging and their commitment to the community.

**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 26, 2020

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

“Do You See This Woman?”

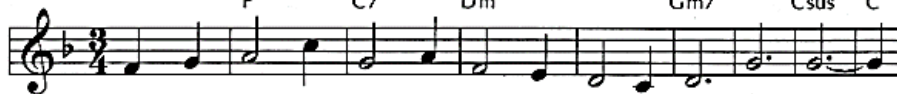
Music: Hillary Reynolds, *piano and vocals* David Cook, *assistant organist*

Lay Reader: Marty Black

Will You Come and Follow Me

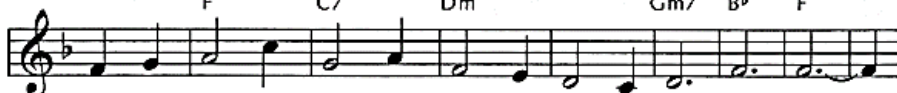
The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



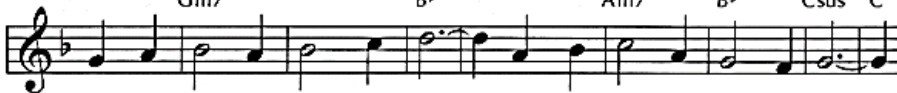
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self 'be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987.

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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
Jill Anthony's nephew, Darryl
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
Dana and Tony who are battling cancer
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. Steve Savides
Judy Schneider
Frank Severin
Jake Smasal
Amanda Spindler
Cole Stoffel
Rev. Sylvia
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

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Happy Birthday Beth Detienne!

First Congo would like to extend belated birthday wishes to Beth Detienne who recently turned 50!

We love that we can still imagine Beth's beautiful smile behind her face mask!

Wishing Beth an amazing year filled with health and happiness.



Worship and Music

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

Virtual Fellowship with Rev. John McFadden

Please join us for a sermon talk-back session via Zoom with Rev. John McFadden immediately following worship today.



Use this link to join the Zoom meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82551120576?pwd=VnU1U2RvUENGQlNjdEdtcTFNOE1PZz09>

You can also find the link under the **News and Events** section of our website and on our Facebook page.

Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

Volunteers Needed to Serve Meals at Pillars

First Congo is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve a meal for 50 individuals at Pillars.

When: Monday, August 3, Tuesday, August 4 and Tuesday, August 11

Where: Pillars Adult Shelter: 1928 W. College Avenue, Appleton (behind St. Vincent de Paul).

The shelter has screening and testing protocols in place for clients. Volunteers can enter by the side door and have very little contact with clients. The menu is more streamlined and can be served with just 2-3 people so social distancing is easy. Preparing the meal can be divided up among several volunteers cooking at home and can be delivered to the shelter by 5:00 PM or can be picked up at your house.

Shelley Nulton is organizing the meals, so please contact her (soon!) for more detailed info at snulton@att.net or (920) 202-4419. Thank you!



Congo, it is evident that many have persevered and found creative ways to gather in fellowship. Feel free to include photos from volunteering activities or from your socially distanced group meetings as well – we love to see what the rest of our church family is up to, even if we can't meet in person right now.



Please submit any articles or photos by Tuesday at 5:00 PM in order to be considered for inclusion in the Open Door the following Sunday.

Administration

Article / Photo Submissions

If you have any articles that you would like to submit to the Open Door or included in our e-blasts, please send them to hvolkman@firstcongoappleton.org.

Despite the fact the pandemic has changed routines drastically at First

The Ministry

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

Reverend Art Wille, Pastor of Visitation

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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

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