

# August 23 Highlights at First Congregational

**TODAY: Zoom Fellowship with Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright ..... zoom link on p. 4**

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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](http://www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons).

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## **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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 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

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## PRELUDE

*Hard Times Come Again No More*

Stephen Foster

Karma's Mailbox (an American Folk Music Ensemble):

Kris Glenn, *vocals*; Shannon Glenn, *vocals and guitar*;

Steve Hirby, *vocals and banjo*; Tami Johnson, *vocals and guitar*;

Phil Gabrielson, *vocals and harmonica*

## RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

## YOUTH PRAYER

Elana Eubank

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**We are called to shake the dust from our sandals, and to be transformed through the Living Christ. God, we pray for the courage to do just that. Fill our hearts with joy at all that is made possible through You. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN (see bulletin, p. 5)

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

SPARROW

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Colleen Berry

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:1-4, John 1:1-5

## MEDITATION

"Can I Find New Life Here?"

Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*A Living Prayer*

R. Block

Karma's Mailbox

(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

*I'll Fly Away*

I'LL FLY AWAY

#### Stanza 1:

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
to a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

#### Stanza 2:

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;  
like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away**

#### Stanza 3:

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
to a land where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away**

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## LITANY

Leader: Jesus Christ shows us the world that is possible.

People: **May we let the Spirit guide us toward that world.**

Leader: God is creating something new in us, each and every day.

People: **May we hold lightly the things of this world so we are free to pursue where God is leading.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is calling to you.

People: **May we listen, and act with courage. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus the Light of the World)*

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## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

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Tami Johnson, *vocals and guitar*; Phil Gabrielson, *vocals and harmonica*

John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

**Thank you to Susan McFadden for serving as our lay reader this morning!**

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**Join us for a Zoom Fellowship and Sermon Talk Back with Rev. Lyter Bright  
immediately after worship today at:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84850672863>**

### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

August 30, 2020

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Rev. Steve Savides

"Can Your Soul Still Exist in Eternity If You Do Not Literally Believe This?"

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26; Luke 23:39-43

Music: David Cook, *assistant organist*; Jennifer Kosloski, *mezzo-soprano*

Lay Reader: Heidi Erstad

# His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged?      Why should the shad-ows  
 2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled,"      his ten-der word I  
 3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed,      when-ev-er clouds a-



come?  
 hear,  
 rise,  
 Why should my heart be lone-ly  
 and rest-ing on his good-ness,  
 when song gives place to sigh-ing,



and long for heaven and home,  
 I lose my doubts and fears;  
 when hope with-in me dies,  
 When Je-sus is my  
 though by the path he  
 I draw the clo-ser



por-tion?  
 lead-eth  
 to him,  
 My con-stant friend is he:  
 but one step I may see:  
 from care he sets me free: } His

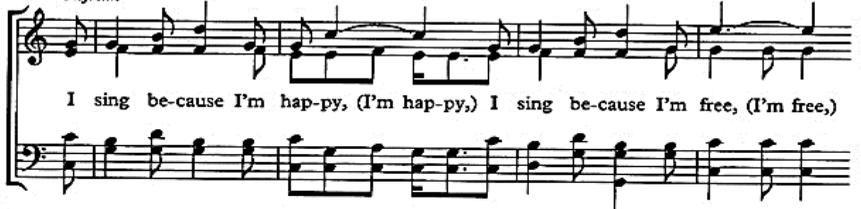


eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his

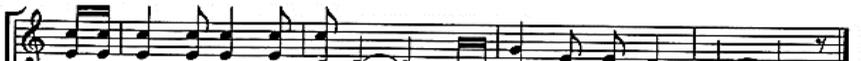


eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

## Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

## 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  
Becky, Karen Leigh Post's mother  
Katie Behl  
Barbara Ann Behl, Katie's sister  
Arlene Beyer  
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother  
Olive Bopp  
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks  
Don Brittnacher  
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  
Ervin Klesmit  
Sylvia King  
Our Kenyan partners and students

Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Lindsey, friend of Kristen Scheuerman  
Billie Logan, Linda Loomis's mother  
Carrie Brooks McClory and her triplets  
Mike Mathews  
Shari Mitchell  
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  
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  
Ernestine Whitman and family upon the death  
of her brother-in-law  
Jennifer Wild

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# Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,  
knowing ourselves.*

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## Prayer Shawl Meeting

20 shawls for kids and 10 shawls for adults were recently delivered to the Center for Grieving Children. Shawls were either crocheted or knitted by church members.



## Happy Birthday Andy Detienne!

First Congo was blessed with a visit from Andy Detienne on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. We wish Andy a joyous year ahead!



## Fall Women's Retreat Canceled

You all knew this was coming.... 😞

Moon Beach has postponed all events through the end of the year due to the Coronavirus, so we are unable to have our fall women's retreat in-person this year. They will be holding a weekend for us in 2021 so we do have something to look forward to!

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Barb Uehling at [buehling@gmail.com](mailto:buehling@gmail.com) or Jean Coenraad at [jmcoenraad@aol.com](mailto:jmcoenraad@aol.com).

## Memory Camp Found Art Project

Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 PM

You are invited to participate in the Memory Camp Found Art Project. Memory Camp is an annual sleep-away camp for people with the lived experience of dementia and their families.

Memory Camp takes place at Moon Beach in St. Germain, Wisconsin and is organized by John and Susan McFadden. The Managing Directors are Phoebe Spier and Eric Olsen of United Church Camps, Outdoor Ministry. Sophia Svetnicka is the designer and Outreach Director.

This year would have been our third year, but since we are not able to meet in person, we are organizing a Memory Camp event to take place on-line on **Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 PM** and last approximately one hour. The event will be a mix of live Zoom and pre-recorded videos and images.

How can I participate? Great question! You are encouraged to create your own found

art sculpture. Info on how to do that is included in an information packet found at <https://files.constantcontact.com/17b433b2701/bea32577-e07f-43d0-883e-38f0025caa27.pdf>.

We ask that once you create your artwork you take two photographs - one of just the artwork and a second photograph of the artwork with you the artist/s included.

Please email the photographs to Gary Glazner, Memory Camp, Poet-in-Residence at [garyglaznerpoet@gmail.com](mailto:garyglaznerpoet@gmail.com). Your artwork will be included in the Memory Camp live event!

Please contact Susan McFadden at [susan.h.mcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:susan.h.mcfadden@gmail.com) with any questions and to obtain the Zoom link.

More info about Moon Beach can be found at <https://ucci.org/moon-beach/>.



## **TeleMatch Increases Social Connections for Older Adults**

Many adults age 60 and older who live alone in their home are particularly vulnerable to social isolation during this pandemic. Feeling lonely and isolated can lead to chronic health conditions. St. Paul

Elder Services and Volunteer Fox Cities are partners in TeleMatch, a program that pairs screened volunteers with older adults who live in their own home in Outagamie County and desire greater social connections.

The goal is to assist older adults to remain healthy, safe and independent in their own home. When our vetted volunteers are matched with an older adult, they place a friendly phone call to them. Both can decide the frequency of the calls.

Do you have a neighbor or family member who lives alone in their own home or apartment who may benefit from a friendly phone call? Contact Jan at (920) 832-9360.

## **Nature is Not Canceled - We Need Outdoor Fun and Fellowship!**

On the first and third Tuesdays of August and September O.F.F. will be hosting opportunities for casual conversation, connections and an easy walk in a few of the delightful Fox Cities parks and nature centers!

While observing social distancing, Nancy Brown-Koeller and Sandy Gillum will welcome all who would like to take a “breather” and get outside for a bit of conversation. Directions for an optional easy walk in the park area will be also be shared.

Meet at 10:00 AM at the following locations. No rain dates. Bring a lawn chair, a beverage and a face mask.

## **Tuesday, September 1: Mosquito Hill Nature Center. Whispers of Fall?**

- Address: W3880 Rogers Road, New London
- Restroom available

### Directions:

With GPS – use address above

With map - Hwy 15 to Hortonville, north on County M, then left (west) on County S, then Turn Left (south) to Rogers Road. Nature Center parking lot at end of road. Many walking routes available, ranging from easy to challenging.

## **Tuesday, September 15: Heckrodt Nature Center**

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# **Mission and Service**

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice.*

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## **Updated Anti-Racism Task Force Information**

Are you ready to take a hard, honest look at yourself, our church, and our community in terms of racism?

The First Congo Anti-Racism Task Force believes that God is calling us to do the hard work necessary to educate ourselves about the systemic racism present in ourselves, our church, and our community.

Will you join us? Can we as a group learn to dismantle racism and be the change that needs to happen? We welcome more Task Force members (if interested please contact Pastor Laurie) and we invite the

entire congregation to join this learning and discussion opportunity.

We will be using the UCC White Privilege Let's Talk curriculum. This curriculum is intended to help people to "see" power and privilege, their manifestations, and their impacts. Only after getting honest about how white privilege has functioned and continues to be perpetuated, can there be dialogue about how to address its causes and the necessary reparations and redistribution of power and opportunity.

We plan to offer opportunities that will accommodate different schedules via Zoom. There may be some small, masked group options for those not interested in using Zoom.

Please sign up on-line or contact the church office at (920) 733-7393 no later than **September 13, 2020** to report your interest in either Zoom sessions or small group opportunities. While we know this is a lifelong learning process, we plan to begin the conversation in mid-October.

You will have the option of choosing six hour and a half long sessions weekly for six weeks or six sessions every other week for twelve weeks. Time of day will be based on sign-ups. Sessions are open to anyone high school age and beyond.



## Want to Be More Involved in ESTHER's Work? Come and See!

Anyone who is interested in the issues we focus on is welcome at task force meetings (held by Zoom teleconference!) If you have a heart for justice, or if the issues have affected your life or a loved one's, we invite you to join us! **All are welcome.**

Request a Zoom invitation at the links below.

**Prison Reform:** 1st Monday, 6:00 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/prtf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/prtf)

**Oshkosh ESTHER:** 1st Tuesday, 4:00 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/oetf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/oetf)

**Mental Health:** 1st Friday, 6:00 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/mhtf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/mhtf)

**Immigration:** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/itf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/itf)

**Public Transit:** 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/pttf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/pttf)

**Environmental Justice:** 4th Tuesday, 7:00 PM,  
Zoom invite at [esther-foxvalley.org/ejtf](https://esther-foxvalley.org/ejtf)



## Addiction Recovery Coach Training: Help Others in Recovery

September 14-18

ESTHER's Mental Health Task Force has received a COVID-19 emergency capacity-building grant from Forward Community

Investments, with additional financial support from First Congo. These funds will support the training of people as recovery coaches (at a greatly reduced cost) to assist those who are recovering from substance abuse and other addictions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased the need for recovery coaches, and this project is designed to assist in meeting this need in our area.

The five-day training will be conducted by **Helios Recovery** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on September 14-18, using the Adobe Connect digital platform.

Read more about the content, cost, and format of the training, the computer requirements, and registration information at <https://esther-foxvalley.org/content/addiction-recovery-coach-training>.

ESTHER is working cooperatively with Menikānaehkem, as well as counties and tribes in our area to identify people who would like to be trained. If you live in Northeast Wisconsin and have an interest in becoming a recovery coach, please contact ESTHER Organizer Bill Van Lopik at [billv@esther-foxvalley.org](mailto:billv@esther-foxvalley.org).

