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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

9:30 AM

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

PRELUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Henry Purcell
arr. Richard Proulx

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

YOUTH PRAYER

McKenna Jahnke

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Joyful God, save us from ourselves. Give us the courage to make our faith more than a hobby, a Sunday habit, a cruise ship of activities. Give us the strength to be the living, breathing church in the world. Guide us to orient our lives around the love and life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (see bulletin, p. 7)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Nick Hatch

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

setting, H. Hughes

Refrain (see below) sung by ALL; verses sung by cantor.



My shep-herd is the Lord. My shep-herd is the Lord.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1-14

MEDITATION

“The Stone that Became the Cornerstone”

Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Psalm 118

Heinrich Schuetz

LU Music Scholars (*pre-recorded*)

(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).

EASTER DOXOLOGY

Sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.**

O sing ye! Alleluia!

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 WORDS

CLOSING HYMN #214 (see bulletin, p. 5-6)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

LITANY

Leader: There is a time to listen and a time to speak.

People: Now is the time to speak!

Leader: There is a time to wait, and a time to act up for justice.

People: Now is the time to act!

Leader: There is a time to live our faith out loud....

All: And that time is always right now! Hallelujah and amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

George F. Handel
arr. Emily Maxson Porter

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

LU Music Scholars (*pre-recorded*)

Tyler Nanstad, *LU Music Scholar bass*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries, Psalm cantor*

Thank you to Michael Weaver for serving as our lay reader this morning!

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**Join us for a Zoom Fellowship and Talk Back with Pastor Laurie
immediately after worship today at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88461452674>

**“Sunday School at Home” will continue this Sunday, April 25
at 10:30 AM via Facebook Live for children K-6th grade.**

Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for our Christ now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

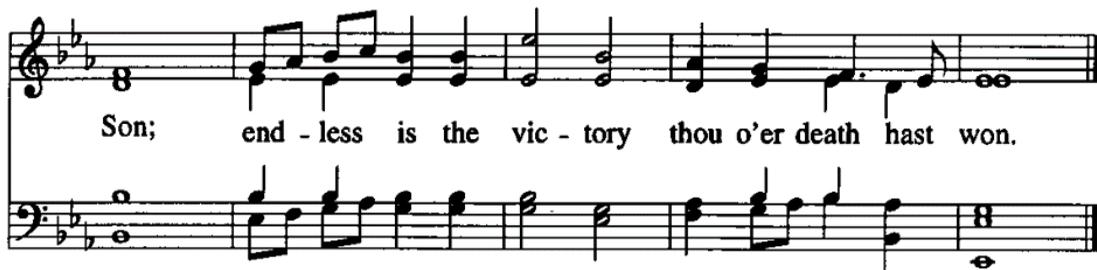
where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
 MUSIC: Georg Frederick Handel, 1751

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 55.65.65.65 w. refrain

Written for a Y.M.C.A. hymnbook in Lausanne, Switzerland, this hymn owes its widespread success to its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948.

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Upcoming Worship Schedule

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Nick Hatch

Livestreaming at 9:30 AM

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Music: Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*; LU Music Scholars (*pre-recorded*) with Moreau Halliburton, *djembe*; John Aaholm, *djembe*; Grace Drummond, *Senior Scholar soprano*

Lay Reader: Ross Erstad

Birthday Bags Mission Project

50 Birthday Bags were collected during the youth mission project led by Drew Gentile.

The bags were dropped off at St. Joe's Food Pantry and will be sure to brighten the birthdays of many community members struggling in these difficult times.

We love our church families' hearts for mission - thank you to everyone who helped make this drive a success.

We are grateful to Drew for creating this opportunity for members of First Congo to participate in meaningful community outreach!



Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

TEXT: Latin, 7th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, c. 1680; adapt. Ernest Hawkins, 1843

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate tune: REGENT SQUARE)

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.

Lyndee Aleman
Jill Anthony
Jill Anthony's sister
Jill Anthony's nephew, Darryl
Sherry Bassett
Paul Bauman
Katie Behl
Barbara Ann Behl, Katie's sister
Aidan Bero
Arlene Beyer
Clair Brown
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother
Olive Bopp
Alyssa Villarreal Brooks
Don Brittnacher
Charlie and Britt Carlson and infant son, Miller
Stephen Carlson
Dick Casperson
Steve Chapin
Norman Clay
Lynn Cook
Family of Amanda Daniels upon the death of
her father
Dana and Tony who are battling cancer
Michael, Dick and Kathy Devries' son-in-law
Jim Edwards and Rachel DeMoss Edwards
Friend of Pat Severin who is facing a serious
health issue
Phil Gabrielson
David Galow
Ken Geiger
Joan Gruenstern
Lynn Hanna
Jayne Heinrich
Maggie Hendrick
Ken Hocking

Ron Hurm
Elizabeth Keggi's stepmother, Jeanne
Jean Jepson
Our Kenyan partners and friends
Allen Korth
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law
Helen Kratzer
Jennifer Lemmert
Lindsey, friend of Kristen Scheuerman
Mike Mathews
Drew Michyeta, Eilene Hoft-March's uncle
Shari Mitchell
Mory, Anthony Padilla's son
Our country's military around the world
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher
Sharrie Robinson
Mary Rowland
Gwen Salonen
Jan Scheibe
Frank Severin
Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
Jake Smasal
Cole Stoffel
Sue, friend of Mark Yonan
Jack Thiel
Peter Thiel
Brenda Timm
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

Congregational Life

*Embracing God, welcoming others,
knowing ourselves.*

Memory Camp 2021!

August 16-19

Join us at Memory Camp 2021 as we relax and enjoy camp activities at beautiful Moon Beach Camp in St. Germain, WI. Memory Camp is for people living with dementia and their families.

Because of the pandemic, we couldn't have Memory Camp in 2020, but now we're excited about our upcoming camp session, **August 16-19, 2021**. All staff will be fully vaccinated by then. You can read more about safety protocols on the registration page:

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=340&idSession=298397&campCode=ucc>

In 2018 and 2019, our campers ranged in age from 5 to 95! Every family gets its own place to stay with up to four bedrooms, a full bathroom, extra sink, and living area. Many of the "cabins" are accessible for walkers and wheelchairs with walk-in showers.

Registration for Memory Camp is now open and slots may go quickly as we're all so eager for events like this.

Register at:

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessionDetail.aspx?idCamp=340&idSession=298397&campCode=ucc>

For general information about the camp, go to <https://ucci.org/moon-beach/>.

If you don't do websites, feel free to call or email Susan McFadden; (920) 739-8695 or susan.h.mcfadden@gmail.com with questions or call Phoebe Spier at the camp and she can help you with the registration and answer your questions. Below is Phoebe's contact information:

Phoebe Spier, Managing Director at Moon Beach (Phoebe@ucci.org or call (715) 479-8255.)



Worship and Music

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

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn Memorial Service

Saturday, May 8

A memorial service for Kathryn Kuhn will be held on **Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 AM**. The service will be at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum, with a reception to follow at River Hill Park, also in Kewaskum. Rev. Kim Henning will be presiding, with support from Rev. Becky

Johnston, Rev. Steve Savides, Rev. Nick Hatch, Rev. Eric Kirkegaard, and Clare Kuhn.

Seating in the sanctuary will be limited, but there are three other avenues for people to participate in the service.

- Livestreaming and a recording of the service will be available for any who wish to participate from home.
- Livestreaming will be available in the church fellowship hall
- Livestreaming will be available at River Hill Park under a large shelter

Registration links to sign up for the sanctuary, church fellowship hall, and River Hill Park are now available on the Caring Bridge page for Kathryn: (<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathrynkuhn/journal>).

A livestream link is posted there as well.



Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,
pursuing justice.*

E2F (Empty to Full Pans)

**Handout: TODAY, April 25
10:15 AM-11:15 AM**

Drive-thru style at First Congo

**Hand In: Sunday, May 2
10:15 AM-11:15 AM**

Drive-thru style at First Congo

The E2F (Empty to Full) Pans Program will have a no contact, drive thru system for hand out and collection of E2F Pans this spring. This collection will provide needed prepared pans of food for **Apricity**. Apricity provides those impacted by substance use disorders a full spectrum of care including treatment, employment and support services in a safe, progressive recovery community.

In the past, E2F Pans have primarily benefited Pillars Adult & Family Shelter. After conversations with Pillars, it has been determined they aren't currently in need of this kind of food service. We will continue to provide E2F Pans for their benefit as needed - possibly in the fall.

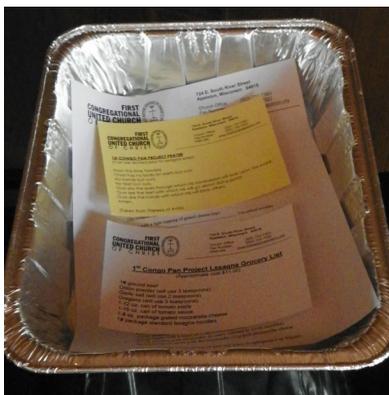
How E2F Pans works:

A few volunteers will be ready to give an empty pan (or more) to those who come in their vehicle. There won't be direct contact. Return of the filled pans will happen in the same way. Volunteers will bring the collected pans to freezer space at Apricity.

A recipe, directions and a prayer are included in each empty pan. We are asking those who are already going to the grocery store to pick up additional groceries found on a list in the empty pan. The cost for groceries is approximately \$11-13.

If you are unable to pick up or return a pan at the designated time or have questions, please contact: Cindi MacSwain at cmacswain@new.rr.com or call (920) 606-6699. There won't be access to the inside of the church for pick up or drop off as was done in the past.

Thank-you for your generous service in this adjusted ministry!



National Healthcare Decision Day

TODAY, April 25
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom

Join two experts in our congregation, Dr. Ben Adams and Jean Coenraad, for the chance to ask questions and receive guidance in filling out important healthcare decision paperwork.

Making these decisions (and making sure the paperwork is properly filled out!) is an act of love for those who love you.

Reach out to Pastor Laurie at llyterbright@firstcongoappleton.org or to Jean at jmcoenraad@aol.com with any questions!

Zoom link for the meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82038100188>

MMIW Virtual Event 2021

May 5-8

May 5 has been designated a national Day of Recognition of the ongoing tragedies in our state and our nation.



MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) is a movement promoting awareness and working with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, local police departments, port facilities, and communities in an attempt to end this violence against our Indigenous neighbors. If you would like to help raise awareness among folks around you and contribute to the movement, consider participating in this event described below.

“The MMIW Virtual event is a race at your own pace and place. You can run, walk, bike, hike; basically, any movement anywhere. The mission is to be in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirits, grieving families, and individuals

working on the frontlines to end this epidemic of violence against Indigenous people.

Price: \$35.00 Race Fee + \$3.00 sign-up fee

Register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Anywhere/2021MMIWVirtualEvent>

Intro to Religion & Rape Culture Workshop

Saturday, June 26
10:00–11:30 AM (CST)

Save the date for this important workshop based on Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright's dissertation, "The Body and the Word: at the intersection of religion and rape culture." A zoom link will be emailed out a later time.

Please sign up at this link if you are interested in attending so that we can plan accordingly:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8t74JIqK9BEeoMe4lGoP3YbJluZwdrqEghk2UqtgzvtQE2w/viewform>

Contact Laurie at laurielyterbright@gmail.com with any questions.

Quarterly Report from Mission and Service

Check out all the great things the Mission and Service Team has been up to!

You can access the report from the Mission and Service page on our website: <https://www.firstcongoappleton.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Mission-and-Service-Best-of-Qtr-Jan-March-2021-v3-final.pdf>

Volunteer(s) Needed to Coordinate Project NOAHH

Neighbors Offering a Helping Hand (NOAHH) is a partnership between community members and Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to assist their clients with their unmet needs. The mission is to improve the quality of life for children and families involved with DHHS. Among other things, NOAHH collects furniture and kitchen utensils for people moving from shelters into apartments, builds twin and bunk beds, and provides mattresses and bedding.

Our First Congo coordinator is the liaison between the church and the social services agency and with Lyle Van De Hey, who coordinates deliveries and bunk bed building. Some storage space (garage, basement) is a plus but not essential. What we need most is someone with attention to detail and a willingness to jump in and learn the ropes from the current coordinator. The new coordinator(s) will have support from the Mission and Service Ministry and will not have to step into this cold. It's a great opportunity for a team of sisters / brothers / friends / partners and a way to build camaraderie while working to fulfill our mission to serve others in our community while also finding out more about the church's outreach ministries.

Contact Pat Hauser at phauser1@new.rr.com or Pastor Laurie at llyerbright@firstcongoappleton.org for more details or to say "Put me in, Coach!"

The Ministry

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
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Reverend Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
Reverend Art Wille, Pastor of Visitation
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, Organist
Colleen Berry, Director for Christian Education
Vacant, Director for Youth Ministries
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant
Holly Volkman, Administrative Assistant for Communications
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper
Scott Knutson, Temporary 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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