

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.  
Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.*

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## **Donating to First Congregational UCC**

If you are enrolled in automatic contributions, you may still participate in the weekly offering by submitting a Giving Card, found in the pews. Pledge cards are available in the pews and may be placed in the offering plates at any time. Checks can also be mailed to the church.

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

## **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**

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

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

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, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission

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## PRELUDE

*Earth and All Stars*

tune by David N. Johnson  
setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

## RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

## INTROIT

*"Water from the Rock"*

David Stoddard/Steve Savides  
(from *A Sky Full of Stars*)  
The Still Speaking and Hilltop Players

*Out in this wilderness with nothing to drink,  
This deliverance is starting to stink.  
Hit a stone with a stick now, and what do you think?  
Water from the rock, amen!*

*Water from the rock, amen!  
Water from the rock, amen!  
Water from the rock, amen!  
Stick and stones are gonna save my bones.  
Water from the rock, amen!*

*We've seen some things out here would truly amaze:  
Bread from heaven and this bush was ablaze,  
And a promise for justice for the rest of our days!  
Water from the rock, amen!  
Water from the rock, amen!*

*Water from the rock, amen!  
Water from the rock, amen!  
Stick and stones are gonna save my bones.  
Water from the rock, amen!*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)**

Leader: Resurrected Savior, bringer of new life and new hope:

**People: We come to you in humble prayer and joyous song, for Easter has changed our lives.**

Leader: We are no longer frightened people -

**People: Because you live, we have the courage to face life and to face death.**

Leader: We are no longer lonely people -

**People: Because you live, we can accept ourselves and reach out to one another in love and kindness.**

Leader: We are no longer scattered people -

**People: Because you live, we can come together in all activities and places to lift up a song of praise to your presence among us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #14**

*Earth and All Stars*

EARTH AND ALL STARS

LITURGY OF FAREWELL FOR DIANNE DROSTER,  
DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**GREETING**

**ENDING A MINISTRY**

Leader: In July of 2021, Dianne began her ministry at First Congregational.

Dianne: I thank this church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me in this role. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave my position, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**People: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now transition from this ministry. We express our gratitude for your time serving us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your transition.**

Dianne: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and this transition are pleasing to God.

**VOWS OF RELEASE**

## UNISON PRAYER

**God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The times we minister together we see our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories and as we move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## CANTICLE

*"You're With Me Tonight"*

Stoddard/Savides (based on Psalm 139)  
(from *Wherever You Go: The Story of Ruth*)  
The Hilltop and Still Speaking Players

*Where can I go from your spirit?  
Nowhere.  
And where can I flee from your presence?  
Nowhere.  
If I climb to heaven,  
If I fall to earth,  
If I fly on the wings of the day,  
You are there, Lord, shining bright!  
And so, my Lord,  
I know you're with me tonight.*

*Can I hide from you, Lord, in the ocean?  
Not there.  
Can I cover myself in the darkness?  
Nor there.  
In my mother's womb,  
In the darkest room,  
In the most secret place I can find  
I'll be found in your sight!  
And so, my Lord,  
I know you're with me tonight.*

*Whenever I feel lonely,  
Whenever I'm afraid,  
I know that you are with me,  
Tonight and every day!*

*You were there in the joy of my birth,  
Caring!  
There in the tears of my grief,  
Sharing.  
In the daytime glow,  
In the night of the soul,*

*From the rising to the setting of the light,  
And so, my Lord,  
I know you're with me tonight.*

*Whenever I feel troubled,  
Whenever I'm confused,  
My fears you always settle,  
My doubts you don't refuse.*

*Where can I go from your spirit?  
Nowhere.  
And where can I flee from your presence?  
Nowhere.  
If I climb to heaven,  
If I fall to earth,  
If I fly on the wings of the day,  
You are there, Lord, shining bright!  
And so, my Lord,  
I know you're with me tonight.*

## 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.)

### 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.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*"Everybody Wants to Go Home"*

(additional verse by Steve Savides, from *Lost and Found: A Patchwork of Parables*)

David Stoddard  
The Still Speaking and Hilltop Players

*Home is where the heart is,  
Where they have to let you in,  
Like some heaven, always open  
No matter what the sin.*

*Something sentimental  
Always brings you back,  
Like some memories you remember,  
Like some scene from the past.*

*Everybody wants to go home,  
And I say  
I'm on my way...  
Everybody wants to go home,  
And I say  
I'm on my way...  
I'm on my way.*

*Home is where you're treasured  
Like some gold found in a field.  
Where your happiness is precious,  
Where your hurts are always healed.  
Your place is at the table,  
Your name is on the door.  
Step up from where you've fallen  
To where you are adored.*

*Everybody wants to go home,  
And I say  
I'm on my way...  
Everybody wants to go home,  
And I say  
I'm on my way...  
I'm on my way.*

(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).

### THE BAPTISM OF ZOEY REBECCA SOMMERFELDT

Parents: Skeets and Stacy Sommerfeldt

Godparents: Daniel and Rachel Knudson

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

\*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTISM

## UNISON PRAYER OF BLESSING

**Dear God of gentleness and love, once more you have spoken words of hope in the birth of a child. We delight in this new gift of life. Let your blessing and strength rest upon Zoey and her family. May they cherish her life and lead her in the ways of faith. In the name of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILD

### SONG OF RESPONSE

*“Love Like Light”*

Stoddard/Savides (from *Family Camp*)  
The Hilltop and Still Speaking Players

*Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah...  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah...  
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah...  
O Lord, Kum ba yah.*

*Love like light,  
Be a beacon on a hill,  
Be a city for all the world to see,  
'Cause there is no one that is alone  
When there is a light that they can see.*

*Love like light,  
Chase the dark away,  
And love will show you everything you need,  
'Cause there is no one that is alone  
When there is a light that they can see.*

*Love is blind, you say that when you're young.  
Bears all things, no matter what the cost.  
It's timeless and it's endless, above all and beyond.  
Keep your eye upon it, and you'll never be lost.*

*Love like light,  
For those who are alone  
Be a candle for all the world to see,  
'Cause there is no one that is alone  
When there is a light that they can see.*

*Love is kind, it stills an angry tongue.  
Perseveres and hopes for everyone.  
I might have power enough to make a mountain fall,  
But if I have no love...  
Then I am nothing at all.*



*Kum ba yah, my lord...  
Love like light,  
'Cause heaven knows the need  
For a candle that all the world can see,  
'Cause there is no one that is alone  
When there is a light that they can see.*

## WORDS OF REFLECTION

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

*"Still, Small Voice"*

David Stoddard, singer/songwriter  
(from *Elijah Chair*)

*There was a hurricane  
And a firestorm;  
It was terrible and awesome to behold.  
Then an earthquake,  
Then the mountain fell,  
Then a silence that was greater than them all -  
And God was in that still, small voice.*

*There was a nation strong  
As a firestorm -  
It was terrible and awesome to behold.  
There was the sound of bombs,  
Then the city fell,  
Then a silence that was greater than them all  
And God was in that still small voice.*

*When my heart is low and my eyes cast down  
And I am occupied by simpler things,  
Come to me and make me yours  
So I can be that still, small voice.*

*There was a child born in an alleyway  
It was terrible and awesome to behold.  
There were city sounds,  
Then the snow fell -  
It was a whisper that was greater than them all  
And God was in that still small voice.*

*When my heart is low and my eyes cast down  
And I am occupied by simpler things,  
Come to me and make me yours  
So I can be that still, small voice...  
So I can be that still, small voice.*

WORDS OF PROMISE

**People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you and keep you in prayer. We promise to keep in prayer those with whom you will serve, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin, p. 13)

*Go My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

BENEDICTION

BENEDCITION RESPONSE

*"Spirit of the Lord/Walking Up to Zion"*

Stoddard/Savides  
(from *The Prophets of Loss*)  
The Still Speaking and Hilltop Players

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me*

*And I'm bringing news of joy!  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me  
'Cause the way is open now!*

*Let the captives throw down their chains,  
Let the humble hear the refrain,  
Let the brokenhearted rise up again:  
Good news!*

*Walking up to Zion –  
We're finally on our way –  
Walking up to find ourselves  
A brand new day!  
Walking up to Zion –  
Bid Babylon goodbye  
'Cuz we'll see that holy city  
Bye and bye.*

*Walking up to Zion  
In everybody's sight –  
The other nations need  
A guiding light!  
Walking up to Zion  
Won't it be a shock to them*

*When the Lord restores the old  
Jerusalem?*

*Walking up, walking up,  
Walking up, walking up,  
Walking up, walking up,  
Walking up, walking up –*

*Walking up to Zion...  
Our hopes are coming true!  
God is making everybody new!  
Walking up to Zion –  
I think we're almost there  
For the spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me.  
I can feel that holy spirit –  
Feel that holy spirit –  
Feel that holy spirit in the air!*

## POSTLUDE

*Victory (The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done)*

tune by Giovanni P. da Palestrina  
setting by Michael Helman

## TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organist*

Still Speaking/Hilltop Players:

*Singers:* Gina Bellin, Henry Clothier, Sharon Clothier, Ben Cooksey,  
Dianne Droster, Melissa Fields, Dave Fredrick, Brenda Gabrielson,  
Phil Gabrielson, Kellan Glenn, Kris Glenn, Nevan Glenn, Shannon Glenn,  
Anne Heywood, Tami Johnson, Jennifer Kosloski, Logan LaViolette,  
Luke LaViolette, Elizabeth Melchert, Laura Nemeth, James Ortega,  
Jennie Ortega, Jim Ortega, John Piasecki, Kelly Piasecki, Hazel Plamann,  
Meredith Plamann, Veronica Plamann, Dee Savides, Steve Savides,  
Dave Stoddard

Kris Glenn, *director*; Chris Danz, *pianist*; John Aaholm, *percussion*

David Stoddard, *songwriter/soloist/pianist*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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## **Children's Choir End of Year Celebration**

Children's Choir and their families gather **TODAY at 10:30 AM** in the Choir Room for a demo rehearsal, treats and prizes!

## **Mission Trip Meeting**

After worship **TODAY**, there will be a final youth and parent mission trip meeting in Fellowship Hall, which should last about 30 minutes. Pastor Nick will answer final travel details, give out a packing list, and obtain some final info from folks.

After that, Pastor Nick will meet with the adult mentors for about 30 minutes to share expectations and give out the Bible study.



# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

*For marriage services, this stanza may be sung between stanzas 1 and 2 above.*

In this un-ion I have joined you hus-band and wife,  
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life:  
Each the oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing,  
each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,  
Now, my chil-dren, live to-geth-er as heirs of life.

*American hymnwriter and translator Jaroslav Vajda crafted this benediction text as though God were "dismissing the congregation after worship, while drawing together a review of the events that transpired during the service." The wedding stanza was a later addition.*

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4.  
Traditional Welsh melody  
For another harmonization, see 425

## 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  
Scott Baehman  
Valerie Bales  
Sherry Bassett  
Paul Bauman  
Katie Behl  
Barbara Ann Behl, Katie's sister  
Aidan Bero  
Clair Brown  
Don Brittnacher  
Judy Burdick, Megan Burdick-Grade's mother  
Christine Calhoun and Paul Siket  
Dick Casperson  
Steve Chapin  
Colton and Misty, friends of Trudy Reilly  
Lynn Cook  
Dani, Fred's sister-in-law  
Tom Dix  
Jim Edwards  
Helen Joan Evans  
Friend of Pat Severin  
David Galow  
Steve Gehrt, son of Esther  
Ken Geiger  
Dylan Glick  
Norm Goodacre and family  
Micki Guyette and her family  
Margaret Hankwitz  
Judy Hanson  
Ted Healey, father of Sue Toussaint  
Ted Heimerman  
Maggie Hendrick  
Steve and Pat Hirby's son, Mike

Ken Hocking  
Bill Hordinski  
Carol Huddleston and family  
Jean Jepson  
Rick Kramer, Richard Miller's son-in law  
Lindsey, friend of Kristen Scheuerman  
Drew Michyeta, Eilene Hoft-March's uncle  
Gerald Otto, brother of Stephen Otto  
Debbie Pias, friend of Anne Sheridan  
Steve Reinkober, brother of Chris Brittnacher  
Aria Arthur Schmidt, newborn grandson of  
Julie Schaller-Schmidt and John Schmidt  
Larry Schiedermayer  
Pat Severin  
Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie  
Jim Sheetz  
Jake Smasal  
Mark Spindler  
Cole Stoffel  
Debra Stoner  
Gloria Tate  
Family of Andrea Tatlock upon her death  
Elsa Thiel  
Jack Thiel  
Peter Thiel  
James Totzke and his mother, Leah Totzke  
Jean Van Wagenin  
Tom Van Wyk  
Mya Wardle, Brian and Lecia Wardle's daughter  
Diane White  
Sue Wisneski

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# Youth and Families

*Faith, fun and service.*

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## Thank You to our Tremendous Church School Teachers!

Praise God for our Church School Teachers who have served this year with such gentleness and grace, spirit and spunk, wonderment and willingness to improvise on the spot!

Please thank Anne and Greg Brahe, Carla Gabbey, Julie and Adam Michels, Katie Jahnke, Amanda Hatch, Jolene Scribner, Emma Slowinski, Heather Gentile, and the one and only Shari Mitchell, who has served as the three-and-four-year-old teacher for over three decades!



## Thank you Stock Holders!

We are pleased to share that the High School Youth Mission Stock Fundraiser was a success. We exceeded our goal of raising over \$3,000 to send 37 youth and adults to serve in Logan, WV.

We appreciate everyone who contributed and will represent our church with joyful, hard-working hearts. For stockholders: keep an eye out for a postcard from WV next month!

## Confirmation Faith Statements

Our Confirmation group this year produced some exceptional and beautiful faith statements. They represent their thoughts about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. Feel free to enjoy them as they are on display along one of the walls on the bridge. Praise God for such an honest and talented group!

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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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## Ellie Olson Memorial Service

**Saturday, June 4  
10:30 AM**



A Memorial Service for Ellie Ann Olson will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 AM.

You are invited to come and share your memories of her and celebrate God's love through her at that time. A reception with a meal will be held in Fellowship Hall directly after. Karma's Mailbox will offer a portion of the morning's music.

## Lunchtime Organ Recital Series

Wednesdays during the summer

12:15-12:45 PM

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series returns to the Fox Valley this summer after a two-year hiatus in what will be its 25th anniversary season.

**The first program of the season takes place right here at First Congregational on Wednesday, June 8** with a recital by

Dr. Andrew Schaeffer, graduate of St. Olaf University, Yale University, and the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Schaeffer currently serves as Director of Music at Luther Memorial Church of Madison, Wisconsin.

The Lunchtime Organ Recital Series was founded by Frank Rippl in 1995 in an effort to bring classical music to the Fox Valley community. The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists now coordinates the series, with several of its members performing each year.

Recitals are held on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45 PM throughout the summer at local churches, including a July 4 sing-a-long at Lawrence University Memorial Chapel. These recitals give people the opportunity to hear a wide array of pipe organs in the many beautiful houses of worship in Appleton, Kaukauna, Neenah, and Menasha. Performers include several local organists as well as others from across the country.

The concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering is taken to offset costs associated with the

administration of the series, as well as to fund a scholarship program for new organists).

For more information, please visit [lunchtimeorganrecital.org](http://lunchtimeorganrecital.org).

Chapter information can be found at [newago.org](http://newago.org).



Dr. Andrew Schaeffer

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## Mission and Service

*Building relationships, serving others,  
pursuing justice*

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### Eagle Scout Project

Logan LaViolette (twin of Luke) is starting an Eagle Scout project building a sign for the church property by the Fox River Trail. The sign will indicate who we are as a church, the land we are on, etc. The information can be changed as needed.

If you wish to contribute materials or a make a donation, please contact either Logan or Logan's mother, Elizabeth Melchert at [elizabethm@new.rr.com](mailto:elizabethm@new.rr.com) or mobile phone 920-450-5935. Thank you.



# **The Ministry**

Reverend Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries  
Reverend Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission  
Reverend John T. McFadden, Pastor Emeritus  
John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries  
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, Organist  
Dianne Droster, Director for Children and Middle School Ministry  
Carolyn Frederick, Office Manager and Administrative Assistant  
Holly Volkman, Administrative Assistant for Communications  
Beck Fritsche, Administrative Assistant  
Siri Witt, Bookkeeper  
Matt Feuerhelm, AV Coordinator  
Bart Forseth, Custodial Supervisor  
Tom Ott, Custodial Assistant  
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