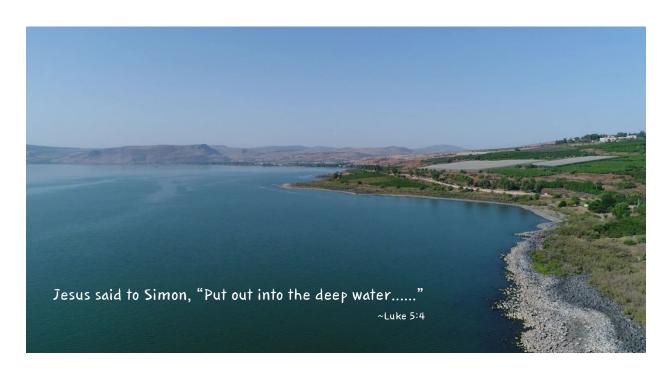
First Congregational United Church of Christ

February 9, 2025





THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 9, 2025 9:30AM Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Joyful Noise Offering

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Text and tune by Daniel Schutte Setting by Anne Marie David

"Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

INTROIT

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Arr. Derek Hakes

Youth Handbells and Tone Chimes

*Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted Psalm 138 The Message

One: Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"

All: Angels listen as I sing my thanks.

One: I kneel in worship facing your holy temple and say it again: "Thank you!"

All: Thank you for your love, thank you for your faithfulness;

One: Most holy is your name, most holy is your Word.

All: The moment I called out, you stepped in; you made my life large with strength. Let us worship your holy name!

*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the sermon, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children will follow their teachers for Valentines on the Bridge.)

A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

(This month's A Joyful Noise Offering benefits the Middle School summer retreat.)

MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

Lawrence University Music Scholars

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:1-11

Faye Binsfeld

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON *"Away from the Shore"*

Pastor Nick Hatch

*HYMN #304

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

(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.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Domine Deus from Gloria

Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

Sanctuary Choir

Greta Wright, LU Music Scholar soprano

Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,

Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,

qui tollis peccáta mundi,

miserére nobis;

qui tollis peccáta mundi,

 $s\'uscipe\ deprecati\'onem\ nostram.$

Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris,

miserére nobis.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us.

*DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 page 4)

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Kelvingrove

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kelvingrove (Will You Come and Follow Me?)

SCOTTISH TUNE

Setting by Hiram Titus (1947-2013)

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*Faye Binsfeld, *Lay Reader*Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*Sanctuary Choir

Youth Handbells: Henry Clothier, Will Clothier, Elena Eubank, Avery Gentile, Celia Gentile, Mark Hallett, Ruth Hallett, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette, Easton Piepenburg, Eva Schmidt, Chase Wahl; John Albrecht, *Director* Greta Wright, *Lawrence University Music Scholar Soprano*John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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2025 High School Winter Retreat ~ We had a safe and wonderful weekend in Chicago!

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

FEBRUARY USHERS: Rick Behm, Tim Bauer, Peter Carman, Karen Crawford, Abby

Schmidt, Andy Schmidt

AUDIO & VIDEO: Tim Hanna, Seb Pershey, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

Music: Sanctuary Choir Luke 6:17-26

ON THE CALENDAR				
Saturday, February 15	6:00-8:00PM	All Church Valentine's Dance & Social		
Sunday, February 23	10:45AM-12:00PM	New Member Exploration Gathering		

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community
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Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393 In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.

Amanda, who has terminal cancer Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart

Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew Elizabeth McNally

Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with

Don Brittnacher cancer

Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya

Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile Anika Quillman

Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family Frank and Pat Severin David Galow

Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie

The family of Paul Gohdes Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries

Friends and family of Helen, as she recovers Kinsley Tarr

from a fall Gloria Tate IoAnn Helms Tack Thiel Shirley Hoft Peter Thiel Sandi Hurm Iames Totzke

Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer Those living with mental unwellness

Jean Jepson Larry Vaubel Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube Karen Waters

Kathy Lannoye

Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list. Thank you!

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please visit our website, weekly e-newsletters, and social media.

<u>Important Notice</u>: We have updated Wi-Fi security protocols at the church, please be prepared to re-login your devices upon entering the church during your next visit. Thanks!"

Please Join Us! You are invited to join in a discussion regarding the Just Peace in Palestine and Israel Resolution put forth by the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ Board of Directors. This resolution was submitted by the Palestine Justice Working Group of the Wisconsin Conference and will be voted on at this year's WI Conference Annual Meeting. The process for adopting a resolution of witness requires a vote of the of the Annual Meeting when first introduced, followed by one year of study and engagement by local congregations. If 30% of UCC churches do some study of the Resolution, a confirming vote will be taken at the 2025 Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. Our church has chosen to be a part of the resolution. The discussion dates are February 16, March 9, and March 23 at 11:00AM in the chapel. For the contents of the resolution and additional resources visit The Wisconsin Conference, Palestine Justice Working Group. If you have questions, please contact Mary Dees at 920-915-0177.



the QR code.

FCUCC Appleton LGBTQ+/Allies Connection: Register here or use this QR code to join a group for members & friends of First Congregational UCC, Appleton WI who are LGBTQ+ and allies. This will be a place to share resources, coordinate advocacy, plan participation in Pride events, and live into our calling as Open and Affirming people of faith.

Marriage Enrichment Workshop: 3rd Annual Marriage Workshop with Doug, Saturday, February 15, 2025, 8:30-11:30AM at Samaritan (1205 Province Terrace, Menasha WI 54952). Cost is \$50 per couple (includes a light breakfast). Celebrate love and connection the day after Valentine's Day! Start your day with this enriching workshop and make it the perfect kickoff to a date day focused on your relationship. Join us for a meaningful and uplifting experience designed to strengthen your marriage. Drawing on over 30 years of counseling and ministry expertise, Doug Bisbee (MDiv, MAC, LPC) will guide you through practical, faith-based strategies to build a resilient and thriving relationship. What to expect: focus on building strengths in your relationship, tools and insights for deeper connection, and a welcoming environment for all faiths, religions, and spiritualities. Start your morning with a light breakfast, fellowship, and inspiration for your journey together as a couple.

Space is limited—register today! Open link here to register or scan

Reducing Sleep-Related Deaths: A Community Effort: Did you know that between 2020 and 2023, there were 10 sleep-related deaths in the Tri-County area? The majority of th of these deaths were linked to unsafe sleep environments. Safe sleep practices are crucial for the well-being of infants, and the Fox Valley Safe Sleep Coalition is working hard to reduce these numbers by educating our community about the importance of a safe sleep environment. The Fox Valley Safe Sleep Coalition is a partnership of regional health departments, health systems, and nonprofit organizations dedicated to spreading awareness about safe sleep practices. Our goal is to ensure that every family in our community has the knowledge and resources to create a safe sleep environment for their infants. To help raise awareness, we have created a Safe Sleep Environment Display that aims to educate the community on what a safe sleep environment should look like. Throughout the month of February, you will find a display in the narthex. Please stop by and click the QR code for more information! Please contact Amanda Hatch if you have any questions. Amanda.Hatch@appletonwi.gov

NOAHH Requests: A mom is requesting assistance providing (late) Christmas gifts to her 6 children. She was incarcerated for a significant amount of time and recently released. She would like to give gifts to them for Christmas but is unable to afford it. 1. 5-year-old girl, size 6 clothes. She is into "typical girl stuff." 2. The 2-year-old boy is size 2T. 3. An infant boy is size 12 months. 4. An 8-year-old boy is into superheroes. 5. 12-year-old boy is into video games, basketball, and other typical boy stuff. 6. 15-year-old girl is into self-care products such as bath bombs and candles. A mom is requesting assistance with obtaining these kitchen items: plates, bowls, cups, silverware, sippy cups, kid size utensils. She recently obtained her own housing and is working toward reunification with her children. These items will help her engage in successful visits with her children at her home and allow for her to provide meals for them. A full-sized bed frame is needed for a youth in out-of-home care. The youth lives in a foster home in Green Bay and is in need of this item. Foster mom has some physical limitations and would appreciate it if someone could deliver it. Contact Barb Mincheff at 920-832-5515 for pickup or drop-off.

New Membership Exploration Gathering: Are you new to First Congregational and want to learn more about our faith community? Would you like to find a place to ask your questions of faith and call your faith home? Then join Pastor Katherine and Pastor Nick after worship Sunday, February 23, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the Chapel. We'll be talking about our journeys of faith. We will share about this church, our theology, and get to know one another. We hope to listen to the story of your spiritual journey and the questions that have guided you to seek a new community. Please RSVP for the New Membership Exploration Gathering by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by contacting the front office at info@uccappleton.org.



When you hear "The Isaiah Project," think "infrastructure." The Steering Committee and four Task Forces are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development, and discernment to provide recommendations to Church Council about our buildings, grounds, and neighborhood presence. These recommendations will address our current and future needs and support our mission and priorities.

The Isaiah Corner: At meetings of the Isaiah Project Community Partnerships Task Force, we frequently remind ourselves of one of our key commitments - to get to know our neighbors better so that we can be more useful in our neighborhood. Lately, we have been seeing some encouraging developments on that front. One example is growing interest in forming a registered neighborhood association for the area around the church. Vince Salvia, Director of Operational Ministries, and Co-Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey started these investigations last fall. Lately, the idea has attracted the attention of Martyn Smith, District 4 Alder, who has been promoting the formation of a registered neighborhood with his constituents. In addition, the City of Appleton is offering a series of Neighbors in Action workshops, beginning this week, for people to learn about the basics of neighborhood organizing and come together with residents from across the city to learn from each other. Several people who live near the church have registered to attend. These workshops are led by Julie Filapek, an experienced and energetic neighborhood organizer from Neighborworks Green Bay. On the Community Partnerships Task Force, we believe that our buildings and grounds can and should be of use not only to our congregation but to our neighbors as well. So, we are excited by these initiatives in the area around our church and eager to see what will emerge from them.

<u>Summer 2025 Youth Volunteer Weekend</u>: Current middle and high schoolers (6th grade-12th grade), here is a new opportunity if you aren't able to go on the week-long mission trip. Join us for a volunteer weekend, **Friday**, **June 20-Sunday**, **June 22**, getting to help clean up the UCC Camp, Daycholah Center, in Ripon, WI! When not working, you can also enjoy its beautiful land and activities! Bring your friends too! Please email Renae with questions or to sign up. rsalvia@uccappleton.org

<u>Need a mid-week faith boost?</u> Join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel, Wednesdays at noon to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Kwik Trip Cards and Youth Trip Stock sales today (and every Sunday in February) in the narthex!





This Week's Schedule				
Monday, February 10				
1:00-2:30PM	Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds			
5:30-7:00PM	Grounds Task Force – Isaiah Project Room			
6:00-7:30PM	Mental Health Task Force – by Zoom			
6:30-8:30PM	Prayer Shawl - Common Grounds			
6:30-8:30PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir – Sanctuary			
Tuesday, February	<u>11</u>			
8:30-9:30AM	Touchmark Pastoral Group @ Touchmark			
9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies - Fellowship Hall			
1:00-2:00PM	HR Meeting - Upper Lounge			
1:30-3:00PM	Racial Equity – by Zoom			
2:00-4:00PM	Library Committee - Church Library			
6:00-8:00PM	Wild Women of First Congregational @ Stone Arch Brewpub, Appleton			
6:00-8:00PM	League of Women Voters - Fellowship Hall			
7:00-8:00PM	Technology Committee Meeting - by Zoom			
7:00-8:30PM	Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall			
7:45-8:45PM	Fireside AA - Common Grounds			
Wednesday, Februa	Wednesday, February 12			
All day	Fellowship Hall decorating for the Valentine's Dance			
9:30AM-12:00PM	Isaiah Project Meeting - Isaiah Project Room			
12:00-1:00PM	Prayer Chapel - Chapel			
12:15-1:00PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - Upper Lounge			
5:45-6:25PM	Youth Handbells - Amistad Room			
6:30-7:30PM	HS Youth Group: Valentine's Day Dance setup - Fellowship Hall			
6:30-7:30PM	MS & HS Group combined for those NOT attending HS Trip			
	– MS Room			
6:30-7:30PM	Bible Study - Chapel			
7:00-8:30PM	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary			
Thursday, February	<u>y 13</u>			
All day	Fellowship Hall decorating for the Valentine's Dance			
9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies - Fellowship Hall			
12:00-1:00PM	AA Search for Serenity Group - Common Grounds			
2:00-6:00PM	Cabin Fever Craft Day - Upper Lounge			
6:30-7:30PM	Congregational Life - <i>Upper Lounge</i>			
6:30-8:00PM	TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – River Room			
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Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds

7:00-8:00PM

Friday, February 14

All day Fellowship Hall decorating for the Valentine's Dance

7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon - Upper Lounge 7:00-8:30PM N.A - Common Grounds

Saturday, February 15

All day Fellowship Hall decorating and dance

6:00-8:00PM Valentine's Day Dance - Fellowship Hall, Isaiah Room, Common Grounds

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – Upper Lounge

Sunday, February 16

9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare - Childcare Room

9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel

9:30-10:30AM Children's Ministry – CYF Wing

10:30-11:00AM Kwik Trip Cards & Stock Sales - Narthex

10:30-11:30AM Children's Choir - Choir Room

10:45-11:45AM Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room

10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences - Common Grounds

11:00AM-12:00PM Adult Education – *Upper Lounge*

4:30-5:30PM LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds

7:00-8:00PM AL ANON - Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge



Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Kindergarten and first graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1^{st} Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2^{nd} - 5^{th} Sundays of each month. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on <u>Facebook: FCUCCAppleton</u> or <u>Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton</u>.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare - Childcare Room
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Joyful Noise - Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry: Valentines on the Bridge - Bridge & CYF Wing
10:30-11:00AM	Kwik Trip Cards & Stock Sales - Narthex
10:30-11:30AM	Children's Choir - Choir Room
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: White Picket Fences - Common Grounds
4:30-5:30PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON - Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY					
Upstairs, to the left	Upstairs, to the right	Downstairs			
Childcare Room	Nursery	Little Angel's Room			
Infants & Toddlers	-	Preschoolers			
K-5 th graders: Valentines on the Bridge					

We are "The Church of the Open Door," a welcoming and inclusive Christian community. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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