

First Congregational United Church of Christ

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration  
**Sunday**

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 2, 2025 9:30AM  
Transfiguration Sunday ~ Communion Sunday

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## PRELUDE

*Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)*

Silesian Folk Tune  
Two Settings by Max Drischner

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *organ*

## CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

## CHORAL INTROIT

*This Is My Beloved Son (Matthew 17:5)*

Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

*He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."*

Sanctuary Choir Isabella Cerdan, *Lawrence University Music Scholar soprano*

## WELCOME

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the mountain, you people of God.

**All: We come to hear God's Word.**

One: Come to proclaim God's greatness,

**All: The Lord is righteous and just!**

One: Come, you brothers, to proclaim God's goodness,

**All: The Lord is the Holy One!**

One: Come to proclaim God's brilliance,

**All: The Lord is the one true King.**

One: Come, you people, to the mountain of God

**All: We are gathered to worship our Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 2)

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

HYFRYDOL

# We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.  
dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

TRANSFIGURATION

*In his commentary on the text, hymnwriter Carl P. Daw, Jr., describes the "implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship."*

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Message, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

## CHILDREN'S HYMN (sung by all)

*Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-43a

Debbie Wagner

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

SERMON *"Listen to Him!"*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

## 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 (sung by all)

*Beautiful Savior*

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Full Congregation Sanctuary Choir Greta Wright, *flute*

*All*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of \_\_\_  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of \_\_\_

God and \_\_\_ Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love\_ thee,  
God and \_\_\_ Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

tru - ly I'd serve\_ thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*Sung by choir*

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

*All (in harmony)*



3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair\_ is the moon - light, Bright the\_

spar - kling\_ stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,

Je - sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.

Text: Gesangbuch Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842, arr. David Cherwien.

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**\*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**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: 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.**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements.  
Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free and alcohol free.*

**INVITATION**

**WORDS OF REMEMBERING**

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Sonata in B Minor for Violin and Piano, P 110*

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936)

ii. Andante espressivo

Wen-Lei Gu, *violin*

Anthony Padilla, *piano*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin pages 6 & 7)**

*We Are Marching in the Light*

SIYAHAMBA

# We Are Marching in the Light

## Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
We are march - ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

We Are Marching in the Light continued on page 8...

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are march-ing \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
 We are dancing ...  
 We are praying ...  
 We are singing ...



\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sonata in G Major for Violin and Piano, M. 77*  
iii. Perpetuum mobile

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Debbie Wagner, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Wen-Lei Gu, *violin* Anthony Padilla, *piano*

Sanctuary Choir

Greta Wright, *flute*

Isabella Cerdan, *Lawrence University Music Scholar soprano*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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Pastor Nick's "Moment for Congregational Care" from Sunday, February 9, is available to read on the church website - on the homepage under "A Word from Our Pastors," or this link <https://www.uccappleton.org/post/moment-for-congregational-care>.



*Ash Wednesday*

Wednesday, March 5  
Dinner at 6:00PM  
Fellowship Hall  
Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Sign up for dinner with the QR code  
Confirmant-Led Service at 7:00PM  
Sanctuary

Sign up for dinner here!



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MARCH USHERS: Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Cathy Paynter, Ryan St. Clair, Anne Sheridan, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun

AUDIO & VIDEO: Sue Forsythe, Tim Hanna, John Aaholm, Matt Feuerhelm

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor Nick Hatch

Music: Sanctuary Choir conducted by Shelley Nulton      Luke 4:1-13

**ON THE CALENDAR**

|                    |             |  |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Wednesday, March 5 | 6:00-7:45PM | Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service                   |
| Sunday, March 16   | 11:00AM     | Family Day: Bowling @ The 10 <sup>th</sup> Frame |
| July 7-10          | 9AM-12PM    | Vacation Bible School                            |
| August 25-28       | 5:30-7:30PM | Vacation Bible School                            |

**WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)**

### **Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community**

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.**

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| Amanda, who has terminal cancer                          | Kathy Lannoye                                 |
| Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew                    | Joseph Martin                                 |
| Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara                       | Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart       |
| Don Brittnacher  | Elizabeth McNally                             |
| Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober             | Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer |
| Karen Craddock   | 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 from a fall | Kinsley Tarr                                  |
| Colton Heimlich  | Gloria Tate                                   |
| JoAnn Helms  | Jack Thiel                                    |
| Shirley Hoft   | Peter Thiel                                   |
| Sandi Hurm   | James Totzke                                  |
| Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer                | Those living with mental unwellness           |
| Jean Jepson  | Larry Vaubel                                  |
| Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube                        | Dave White                                    |

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.



**Violin & Piano Recital to Benefit Leaven:** Come enjoy the exceptional artistry of Lawrence University music professors Anthony Padilla, piano, and Wen-Lei Gu, violin, in our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday, March 2, at 3:00PM. The musicians are sharing their gifts to benefit the work of LEAVEN. A free-will offering will be received. They will be performing a program of violin/piano sonatas by Beethoven, Ravel and Respighi. Bring a friend, support an important cause...all are welcome!

**Kwik Trip Cards and Youth Stock** available today after worship in the narthex and always available in the church office Monday through Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM!

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Dinner:** Join us Wednesday, **March 5 at 6:00PM**, for tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in Fellowship Hall before the Ash Wednesday Service begins at 7:00PM. Open link here: [\*\*Sign Up Here for Dinner\*\*](#)

**Pillars Meal Sign-up:** Time to Create a Nourishing Meal for Pillars Thursday, **March 6**. Check out the link to sign up! [\*\*Pillars Sign Up\*\*](#) We will be making soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy fellowship. For questions contact Shelley Nulton, [snulton@att.net](mailto:snulton@att.net) or 920-202-4419.

**Lenten Yoga Class:** Join Pastor Katherine for a 6-week gentle slow flow yoga session during Lent in the River Room; **March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6**, from 4:15-5:15PM. Bring a yoga mat and a block if you have one.

**Coffee Ministry Is Easier Than Ever!** The 2025 sign-up sheets are waiting for YOU to serve coffee after service on Sundays! Do you have a group/cause dear to our church that would like to promote themselves on any given Sunday? Family members? The possibilities are endless. Please consider helping us now and throughout the year (a few spring dates and beyond are still available!) And, thanks to our personal super-hero Vince Salvia -- **making the coffee is all taken care of.** You just need to show up (9:15ish), do on a little well-timed 'get ready/get set' toward the end of the service, and take down (usually around 11:00AM.) The sign-up sheets are in the narthex by the library window. Check your calendars, grab a friend/group and sign up TODAY!

**Coffee Hour -- What's with The Treats (or No Treats)???** The Fellowship Team wants to fill you in on a little something. We didn't want people to feel obligated to bring treats if they were hosting coffee hour, so that's why some Sundays you won't see treats offered. We only ask the host on Communion Sunday to provide some nosh-ables. It certainly is 'sweet' if someone provides them on a non-Communion Sunday, but never an expectation. Thanks for your understanding.

**(Mostly) Parents Book Study:** Join us Sunday mornings after worship for a small group book discussion covering *A Faith of Many Rooms* by Debie Thomas. We will read a chapter each week and then meet for a discussion. The group meets in the Common Grounds during Children's Choir rehearsals, with additional childcare available for non-choir children. Contact [betsyschlabach@gmail.com](mailto:betsyschlabach@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Join Pastor Nick for a Lenten Devotion:** Would you like to participate in a Lenten



devotion with fellow church members? Do you want to deepen your scriptural understanding of Jesus' call to disrupt power? If so, join us for *A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power: Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar in the Upper Lounge. Together, we will explore Jesus' call to be forces for healing and hope in a fractured world. We will reflect on the structures of power around us and examine how we participate in or resist them. Our study will focus on biblical texts that are subversive, countercultural, and counterintuitive. Each week, participants will have a daily devotion to complete at home. Then, on

Wednesdays, we will come together to engage with the devotion of the day and pray as a group. The study meets from **March 12 to April 9**, from 6:30-7:30PM, both in person and on Zoom. You are welcome to attend once or every week. Books should be available in the main office for \$13.00 by March 3. Please register via [Realm here.](#)

**Library News:** The theme for March is Women's History. Come learn about women who did great things. Here are a couple titles to consider. "*100 Christian Women Who Changed the Twentieth Century*," by Helen Koolman Hosier and "*Grown*," by Tiffany D. Jackson.

**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 **March 9 and 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.

**EJWG invites you to a Post-Summit Event:** Become an Effective Advocate for Affordable Housing. Join in-person and online training, Monday, **March 3**, 10:00-11:30AM, with faith community members who want to make a difference in affordable housing legislation and regulation. Explore the ways in which you can help our community work toward housing justice. In-person will be at First United Methodist Church Appleton, 325 East Franklin Street, Appleton, WI 54911. Registration will give you live-stream and recording access. Topics to be covered:

- Ways to Create Change
- Overview of Government
- How a Bill becomes a Law
- Housing Impact and Information
- Opportunities to Engage with Elected Officials
- Faith Community Perspective

More information and a poster for sharing, go to [this link](#)! If you would like to register, please [click here](#).

**NOAHH Requests:** A child is at a group home where she is requesting new XXL black sweatpants and new sneakers that are size 10. Also, a mother is homeless but bought her 13-year-old child a hover board for the child's birthday. The child is in an out-of-home placement with the paternal grandmother. The grandmother will not allow this child to ride this hover board unless a helmet, and knee and elbow pads are provided. A medium helmet should fit as well as youth/teen size knee and elbow pads. Contact Barb Mincheff at 920-832-5515 for pickup or drop-off.

**Wednesday Chapel Update:** Wednesday Prayer Chapel at noon will resume after Easter. Instead join Pastor Nick for a Wednesday evening devotional through Lent from March 12 to April 9, 6:30-7:30PM. See article on page 13 of this bulletin for more information.



## THE ISAIAH PROJECT

*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:**

#### **Steering Committee:** Invitation for Questions

If you have questions about what is going on with the Isaiah Project, we want to hear from you! There are multiple ways to pass your questions along. You can speak to one of the Isaiah representatives in the narthex after worship (look for the orange buttons!) You can submit a paper question or comment in the Isaiah Box on the welcome desk in the narthex. You can submit online at <https://www.uccappleton.org/the-isaiah-project> (click the button labeled, "Isaiah Box, Questions, Comments, and Ideas"). Or you can email Director of Operational Ministries Vince Salvia at [vsalvia@uccappleton.org](mailto:vsalvia@uccappleton.org). As a Congregational church, we want every voice to be heard! Questions and responses addressing matters of general interest may be published in The Isaiah Corner in future issues of the Open Door.

**Save the Date!** The Isaiah Project team invites you to an update session on Sunday, March 16 after the church service. Come hear of and ask questions of what each of the task force teams (Building, Grounds, Community Partnerships, Finance) have been focusing on. We look forward to you joining us in person or online.

**March 16, 2025, from 10:45AM-12:00PM in the chapel.**

Join on Zoom via: <https://tinyurl.com/4d4h2fyn> or this QR code



**ESTHER Madison Action Day:** Join ESTHER for Madison Action Day 2025 in Madison, WI on **April 10!** Engage with policymakers, connect with advocates, and make your voice heard. We are sharing our priorities for the State Biennium Budget. Together, we can create a more equitable future. Includes the morning plenary, a box lunch and Madison Action Day T-shirt. We are taking a coach bus with bathrooms. Sign up for the bus at the time of registration, additional \$10 per person towards bus costs. Arrive at Madison Masonic Center by 9:00AM. Finish meeting with legislators by 4:00PM for return to the Fox Cities. \$35 Early Bird/person.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/madisonactionday2025>



**Mental Health Spotlight** - “Issues of Aging” were top concerns on our recent mental health survey. In response to that, the mental health task force is thrilled to announce an engaging presentation by Susan McFadden, PhD: **Growing Older in the Age of Longevity**. As you may know, Susan, our illustrious local expert, has spent decades researching and teaching topics related to aging. She will delve into the pressing concerns that many face as they enter their golden years, including social isolation, the maintenance of friendships, and dementia. Susan’s wisdom and practical advice on these topics will not only offer peace of mind but also equip you with valuable tools to enhance your quality of life and that of caregivers. Her impactful work, especially in the realm of dementia, has significantly enriched our community. Register on Realm or call the church office. Contact Jackie at (920) 419-3007 with questions.

Read more about Susan here!




## Growing Older in the Age of Longevity

**March 09, 2025 | 10:30 - 11:30AM**

*Upper Lounge*

Susan McFadden Ph.D will be presenting on March 9 after service in the Upper Lounge about a topic that resonated with many in our recent mental health survey: Aging and Mental Well-Being.

**She'll cover:**

- How to make social connections when feeling isolated
- Maintaining friendships as we age
- Living a fulfilling life with dementia

Join us as we explore ways to cultivate joy, connection, and purpose in retirement!

RSVP by scanning the QR code or contacting the main office at 920.733.7393 OPT 2 | [info@uccappleton.org](mailto:info@uccappleton.org)

Register here!





## **This Week's Schedule**

### Monday, March 3

3:30-5:00PM IPAC Meeting - *Upper Lounge and by Zoom*  
4:30-6:30PM Kenya Partnership Meeting - *Chapel*  
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir - *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, March 4

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*  
1:00-2:30PM Chrysalis - *Upper Lounge*  
2:00-4:00PM Library Committee - *Library*  
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group - *Common Grounds*  
7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts - *Fellowship Hall*  
7:00-9:00PM Worship and Music Ministry - *Upper Lounge*  
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA - *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, March 5

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group - *Upper Lounge*  
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells - *Amistad Room*  
6:00-7:45PM Ash Wednesday Dinner (6:00PM) & Service (7:00PM)  
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir - *Choir Room, Sanctuary*  
7:45-8:15PM Confirmation Class - *HS Youth Room*

### Thursday, March 6

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies - *Fellowship Hall*  
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group - *Common Grounds*  
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ *Holidays Pub & Grill*  
5:00-7:30PM Pillars Dinner @ *Pillars Adult Shelter*  
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership - *Project Isaiah Room*  
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

### Friday, March 7

10:00-11:30AM Bulletin Folders - *Library*  
7:00-8:00PM Al-Anon - *Upper Lounge*  
7:00-8:30PM N.A - *Common Grounds*

### Saturday, March 8

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA - *Common Grounds*

Sunday, March 9 ~ Daylight Saving Time starts – set clocks ahead 1 hour

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 9:25AM-12:00PM  | Childcare – <i>Childcare Room</i>   |
| 9:30-10:30AM    | Sunday Worship/First Sunday in Lent/New Member Sunday/Joyful Noise – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i> |
| 9:30-10:30AM    | Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>   |
| 9:45-10:30AM    | MS Bible Study – <i>MS Youth Room</i>   |
| 10:30-11:30AM   | Children’s Choir – <i>Choir Room</i>  |
| 10:30-11:30AM   | CYF Committee Meeting – <i>MS Youth Room</i>  |
| 10:30-11:30AM   | Growing Older in the Age of Longevity – <i>Upper Lounge</i>   |
| 10:45-11:45AM   | Confirmation Class – <i>HS Youth Room</i>   |
| 10:45-11:45AM   | Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – <i>Common Grounds</i>   |
| 11:00AM-12:00PM | Adult Education – <i>Chapel</i>   |
| 4:15-5:15PM     | Lenten Yoga – <i>River Room</i>   |
| 6:00-8:00PM     | First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>                                      |
| 7:00-8:00PM     | AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>  |

**Land Covenant**

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation. Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.

We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soils, and web of life for all future generations.

We commit ourselves through study and immersion experiences to learn the history and cultures of these peoples and their traditional knowledge.



*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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**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<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 [Facebook: FCUCCAppleton](#) or [Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton](#).

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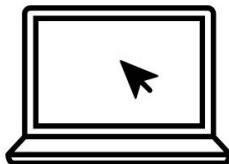
**References to God** in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

**Sunday School:** Our PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

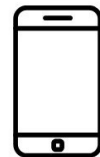
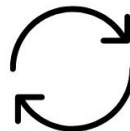
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*We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.*

**TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON**

- 9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare – *Childcare Room*
- 9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*
- 9:30-10:30AM Children’s Ministry: Chat in the Chapel – *Chapel*
- 10:30-11:00AM Kwik Trip Cards & Youth Stock Sales – *Narthex*
- 10:30-11:00AM Congregational Meeting – *Sanctuary*
- 10:30-11:30AM Children’s Choir – *Choir Room*
- 10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – *Common Grounds*
- 3:00-4:00PM Piano/Violin Recital – *Sanctuary*
- 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**

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| Upstairs, to the left  |  | Downstairs                                 |
| <b>Childcare Room</b><br>Infants & Toddlers                              |  | <b>Little Angel’s Room</b><br>Preschoolers |
| K - 5th graders will return to partake in Communion with their families. |  |  |

**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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