

*First Congregational
United Church of Christ
River Falls, Wisconsin*

February 10, 2019



*This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

"FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY"

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

~The Gospel of Luke

<p>Welcome to our guests who are visiting with us today! Join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall between the 9:00 & 10:30 worship services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">~The Nursery is available for young children.~Church Mouse activity bags are available for children.~Large print bulletins and hearing impaired devices are available from the ushers.~Please stand when noted by the *~Congregation responses are in bold.	<p><i>No matter who you are. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!</i></p> <p><i>As Jesus' courageous disciples, living God's grace, we strive to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>~ Worship faithfully</i><i>~ Welcome openly</i><i>~ Grow spiritually</i><i>~ Care passionately</i><i>~ Serve generously</i>
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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENCE AND RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the lovely, beautiful day that the Lord has made!

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us sing praise to God the Creator!**

L: In the flurry of our lives we stop, we gather, we lift our hearts to God.

P: **Here in the peace of the sanctuary we gather in quiet community to celebrate God's countless blessings in our lives.**

L: Here we rejoice, and here we lift prayers for the world and all its peoples.

All: **Let us with soaring hearts worship God, this day and all our days!
Amen.**

*HYMN

"Sing of Colors"

#402

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, even as winter lingers we sense a new spring. And even in the darkness we sense new sunlight. But sometimes we find it easier to live in the shadows, to complain about our days and all that is wrong in our lives, to forget the blessings you have granted us. Forgive us, God. Help us move into your light. Help us to know fully the joy of our journey with you, through life with Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God welcomes us home, to an embrace of love.

P: **The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, shines in the darkness and beckons us always.**

L: In Jesus Christ God forgives our wandering ways and strengthens us for all our days.

P: **Thanks be to God for the gift of life and light we receive through the living Christ!**

L: May God bless us, lead us in life's journey, and keep us always!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

L: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another with signs of peace)

*GLORIA

"Gloria!"



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You!_____



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You!



O - pen now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.
O Lord, rush to help to de - liv - er Your world.
Mak - er, Spir - it, Friend, You are Great My - ster - y!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Doxology for a New Day”

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN (10:30 am)

Rev. Dave Ostendorf

SONG OF BLESSING (10:30 am) (Children preschool through grade 8 may go to Sunday School. Worship bags and children’s bulletins are available in the back.)

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:4-6, 10-15

PSALM 138 (Cantor will introduce; congregation, please join in when directed)

R

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.

- L: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- P: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**
- L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
- P: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- L: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
- P: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**
- L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
- P: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. *R***

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

*HYMN

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

#173

*STATEMENT OF FAITH - United Church of Canada

L: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

P: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

...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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

Bobbie Kuhn

OFFERTORY

With Our Voices We'll Tell"

Let us bring ev - 'ry gift, let us trea - sure ev - 'ry grace: As you've

3
giv - en to us, let us share. In our neigh - bor to - day we will

6
meet you face to face, Let your love be the rule ev - 'ry - where.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff starts with a measure rest (3) and contains the second line of lyrics. The third staff starts with a measure rest (6) and contains the third line of lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Take these gifts, God, and use them to build your community of faithfulness throughout the world. We are so grateful for this opportunity to share the blessings you alone have granted us. We give you thanks. We give you our lives, our hearts, our songs, our work. Amen.

***HYMN**

"I Am the Light of the World"

#584

***COMMISSIONING**

Follow Jesus. Leave your boats and follow Jesus. Today. Tomorrow. This week. All your days. Follow Jesus. Leave your boats and follow Jesus. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Assisting in today's worship service are:

Liturgist:	9:00 am	<i>Kathy Wochomurka</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Lou Greub</i>
Coffee Fellowship:		<i>Dianne and Allen Barnes</i>
Ushers:	9:00 am	<i>Martha Olson, Traci Hagberg, Lee Lueck</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Kathy and Beth Rausch, Suzanne Hagen</i>
Welcomers:		<i>Lou Greub</i>
Nursery:		<i>Sheila Peterson</i>
Organist:		<i>Marsha Pearson</i>
Trustee:		<i>Deb Hoffman</i>
Counters:		<i>Bob Ferguson, Marie Roe</i>
Among Friends Coordinator:		<i>Norma Revels</i>
Music Coordinator:		<i>Marsha Pearson</i>
Choir Director:		<i>Scott Perau</i>
Bell Choir Director:		<i>Jamie Mills</i>
Church Moderator:		<i>Neal Prochnow</i>
Church Secretary:		<i>Missy Luedtke</i>
Youth Pastor:		<i>JaNae Westrich</i>
Minister for Community:		<i>Rev. Dave Ostendorf</i>
CE Minister:		<i>Rev. Stacy Johnson Myers</i>
Senior Pastor:		<i>Rev. Chris Myers</i>

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Sun., Feb 10	8:00 am - Choir Practice
	9:00 am - Worship Service
	9:00 am - Adult Forum
	10:00 am - Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am - Worship Service
	10:45 am - Sunday School
	11:00 am - WEVR Broadcast
Mon., Feb 11	7:00 pm - Cribbage
Tues., Feb 12	9:00 am - Yoga
	9:00-3:00 pm - Among Friends
	1:00-2:30 pm - Bible Study
	6:30 pm - Holy Land Trip Meeting
Wed., Feb 13	3:45-5:00 pm - Wednesday School
	5:15-6:15 pm - Family Meal
	6:00 pm - Jubilee Ringers
	6:30 pm - Pre-Confirmation (6 th Grade)
	6:30 pm - Confirmation Year 2 (8 th Grade)
	7:00 pm - Chancel Choir
Thurs., Feb 14	9:00 am - Yoga
Sun., Feb 17	8:00 am - Choir Practice
	9:00 am - Worship Service
	9:00 am - Adult Forum
	10:00 am - Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am - Worship Service
	10:45 am - Sunday School
	11:00 am - WEVR Broadcast
	4:00 pm - It Takes a Village Concert at Ezekiel Lutheran Church

Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Those who are ill or recovering:

- Nancy (sister of Bobbie Kuhn), Jared (relative of John and Joan Hyland), Jack Husak (father of Juli Okal), Pam Creydt (friend of Sue Grisar), Avis Thompson (sister of Alice Hanson), Betty Church, Carol Merriman, Dan Meier, Terry Mahoney, Denny Linder, Larry (friend of Carole Mottaz), Karen (mother of Jamie Mills), Emma (daughter of Geoff and Tammy, friend of Paul Shepherd), Sara (friend of Cheryl Zakrzewski), Dave Mountain

Prayers for the ministry of our congregation:

- For Dave Mountain, our church custodian, who fell on the ice at home this week and broke some ribs, that he may rest, receive God's strength and be returned to his tireless self
- For our Chancel Choir leading us in worship today, that they may bring joy to our souls
- For the Tuesday gathering of the Holy Land Pilgrimage group, that their faith may grow on this trip and our whole congregation may be blessed by this experience
- For the Care for Creation Team who gather to help us better care for our creation
- For the It Takes a Village Concert on Sunday, February 17 at Ezekiel that it may warm our souls and continue the mission and ministry begun by River Falls churches in Haiti

Prayers for our world:

- For those who fell on the ice this past week and are nurturing sore backs
- As we celebrate Valentine's Day this week, may we remember those we love and those who love us
- That we may remember the three loves of our Christian faith – love of God, love of neighbor and love of self
- For those who move into care facilities, that God may grace them with patience and courage
- That political squabbling may end and we may address the many problems of our world
- For those working to care for our delicate creation and the daily decisions we make to help do this

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For Bobbie and Jim Kuhn as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house here at church Saturday, February 23rd, that they may be blessed with many more years of marriage
- For those who served at the funeral this past week, you are angels of God's peace
- For snow plow drivers, including our own Dan Herum and Scott Sippel, for keeping us safe
- For Tim Bylander, our church snow blowing and heating hero!
- For those preparing for the Holy Land pilgrimage, that it may lead them deeper in their faith journey
- For the gift of furnaces that keep us warm and cars that start in cold weather
- For those who participated in last week's gathering of youth, parents and community leaders to talk about the issue of online pornography and its affects, that it may open our eyes so we can deal with it
- For our Among Friends volunteers – you are a blessing
- For all those who give of their time, energy and passion to work in church ministries

Those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- For the Bylander family on the sudden death of 16 year old Caleb Bylander, that his family may receive God's strength through the support and love of their family, friends and community
- For the family of Marguerite Hoffman Barker who died this past week and whose Memorial Service was this past Wednesday, that her family may mourn with gratitude, faith and hope
- For the Stoppelmoo, Davis and Stokke families in mourning, that God may comfort them

If you have people you wish to include on our prayer list, please see the pastor
or use the blue prayer cards in the pews or on the back sign-up table.

NOTES

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 3:4-6, 10-15

When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

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 gone 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 break. 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' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed 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.