



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WAUWATOSA

Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God, to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith, to reach out with compassion to those in need, to treat each other with love and understanding, and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

WORSHIP IN THE NAVE

Sunday, August 29, 2021-10:00 a.m.

14th Sunday After Pentecost

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest today, we would love to meet and greet you.

Join us for Coffee Fellowship at the Parking Lot entrance following the service.

WORSHIP PREVIEW FOR LABOR DAY SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Pat Reddy, Sermon
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician
Anthony John Andronczyk, Soloist

WELCOME

Jim Harris

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision arr. by Marilyn Ham
Rhonda Kwiecien and Katelyn Peterson, Piano Duet

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Walsh

Leader: The Lord lives, blessed is my rock, high above all is the God who saves me.

PEOPLE: He set my feet upon a rock and gave me a firm footing;

Leader: And on my lips he put a new song, a song of praise to our God.

PEOPLE: Happy are they who put their trust in the Lord..

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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/COO – Kris Sprtl, R.N., M.S. Chaplain – Dan Cunningham Board Chair – Merrill York

HYMN SOLO:

Take My Life and Let it Be
Jill Bruss and Kristen DiNinno, Duet

VIENNA

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
Eternal God, Heavenly Father, as we gather in this house of worship, challenge us with Your truth and inspire us with Your love. Then, Lord, as we return to our worlds of work, learning and living, enlighten us with Your wisdom and empower us with your strength so that we might be better servants of You and your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus’ name we pray. . .

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.

THE LESSON 1 James 1:17-27 Cindy Walsh
(See insert)

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

Children ages 3 - entering 6th grade are invited to
One Room Sunday School in Room LL2.

THE LESSON 2 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
(See insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC How Can I Keep from Singing arr. by Richard Walters
Jill Bruss, Alto and Kristen DiNinno, Duet

THE MESSAGE “Being Pure” Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer

SPECIAL MUSIC All Creatures of Our God and King arr. by Richard Walters

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN SOLO Fairest Lord Jesus SCHONSTER HERR JESU

THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE Toccata on Thaxted arr. by Nicholas Palmer

The offering is a “retiring offering” -- a basket is available as you leave.

CARE FOR CHILDREN
A nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 10:00 AM service.

Caring Corner

as of August 26, 2021

Congratulations

Bryan & Rachel Haas welcomed the birth of Isaac Jacob on August 3rd.
 Bryan is the son of Connie Little.

Jeffrey D’Ambrisi, son of Jim and Karen D’Ambrisi,
 married Catalina Thounlasenh on August 14th.

Tesha Urban recently graduated from Loyola University with a Master of Divinity Degree.

In Our Prayers

Bill Trump continues to recover from Covid, and he appreciates your prayers
 and hopes to be home soon.

Solo: *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Text: Francis of Assisi (c. 1225)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia. Alleluiah!

Thou rushing wind that are so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
 O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 alleluia, alleluia. Alleluiah!

Solo: *How Can I Keep from Singing*
Text: American Folk Song

My life flows on in endless song
above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I’m clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me rears,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love is lord of Heav’n and earth
how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
and hear their death knells ringing.
When friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging?
When friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I’m clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

James 1:17-27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”