

Anthem: Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Text: Ada R. Habershon (1907)

There are loved ones in the glory
Whose dear forms you often miss,
When you close your earthly story
Will you join them in their bliss?

Refrain:

Will the circle be unbroken
by and by, yes, by and by?
In a better home awaiting
in the sky, in the sky?

You remember songs of heaven
Which you sang with childish voice,
Do you love the hymns they taught you,
Or are songs of earth your choice? [Refrain]

You can picture happy gath'ings
Round the fireside long ago,
And you think of tearful partings,
When they left you here below. [Refrain]

In the joyous days of childhood,
Oft they told of wondrous love,
Pointed to the dying Savior,
Now they dwell with Him above. [Refrain]

One by one their seats were empty,
One by one they went away,
Now the fam'ly is parted,
Will it be complete one day? [Refrain]

WORSHIP PREVIEW FOR SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 - 10:00 am

Rev. William S. Trump, Sermon
FCC Choir Directed by Katelyn Peterson
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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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 / RALLY SUNDAY & BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 12, 2021-10:00 a.m.

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Please silence your cell phones.

*If you are a guest today, we would love to meet and greet you.
The Rally Sunday Picnic immediately follows the worship service.*

WELCOME

Rev. William S. Trump

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Roxanne Trump-Miles directs
the FCC Handbell Ringers

arr. Janet Linker and
Jane McFadden

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Walsh

Leader: A new day has dawned, God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

PEOPLE: Be still and know that God is here. Let His Spirit in.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways, today in worship,
and every day in the world.

PEOPLE: Come let us worship God together.

HYMN SOLO

Lord of the Dance
Katelyn Peterson, Soloist

LORD OF THE DANCE

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
Gracious Father, our Lord and our God; we thank you that we have been given the opportunity to live through troubled and challenging times. Speak to us when our courage fails; keep us steadfast in the faith. May we abound in hope, knowing that our labor is not in vain in You. Restore our confidence in the triumph of goodness; renew in us a love that never fails. May the spirit of Christ dwell in us richly. May our worship be a fragrant offering of our devotion and love to You. Hear our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

BAPTISM ~ Raphael Avila and Joseph Charles Sgarlata Parents: Nick & Carrie Sgarlata

BIBLES PRESENTED TO THIRD GRADERS

THE INTRODUCTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Leader: God of Creation, You have gifted these who are your servants with teaching skills, creativity and curiosity. We pray You would fill them with the power and compassion of Your Holy Spirit. Fill them with energy and insight into Your Word, the story of Your faithful heart.

Teachers: **You have not called us to be perfect. You have called us to be faithful. You have not called us to be all-knowing. You have called us to believe. We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching. Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching of Your Word.**

ALL: **We commit ourselves, each to our part, in this joyful task. May Your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do. Amen.**

*Children age 3 through those entering 5th grade are invited to Sunday School.
Youth in grades 6th through 12th are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.*

ANTHEM *Festive Praise* by Susan E. Geschke
 FCC Handbell Ringers

THE MESSAGE “How Do You Rally at a Time Like This?” Rev. Trump

ANTHEM *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* arr. J. David Moore
 Katelyn Peterson directs the FCC Choir

FCC PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

OFFERTORY *Serenity* by Susan Buckley Cumbie

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN SOLO *Morning Has Broken* BUNNESSAN

THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* setting, Clay Christiansen

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

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Grace and Dick Forester from their children and grandchildren – Jim & DeDe Forester, Mary & Ron Bero, Marty & Jon Bruss, and Nancy & Steve Hayes.

Caring Corner
as of September 9, 2021

In Our Prayers
Philip Jacobi is in isolation for stem cell treatment at Froedtert Hospital.

The memorial service for ***Gene Halvorson*** is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th, in the Nave. Visitation is at 5:00 pm, followed by the service at 6:00 pm.

LESSON: MARK 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”