

Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Text: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

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, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art 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!

Hymn: *Hymn of Promise*
Text: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

In the bulb, there is a flower.
In the seed, an apple tree.
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence
seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning.
In our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing.
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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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.

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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

February 20, 2022~10am / 7th Sunday After the Epiphany

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest today, we welcome you to First Church.

WELCOME

Patty Reddy

PRELUDE

Adoration

Brass Quartet

by Florence B. Price
arr. by Mark Grauer

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Serena Stern

Leader: God the Father, you are deep within our world.
People: You call us to join You in creating abundant life for all.
Leader: Open our hearts to recognize You.
People: Free us to trust Your call and follow.
Leader: Enable us to repent, and forgive.
People: Help us to join in Your work to make “all things new.” In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

HYMN #261

All Creatures of Our God and King
FCC Choir

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God of every land and nation, You have created all people and You dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Listen to the cries of those who pray to You, and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of Your name, all people will know the power of love at work in the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Somebody's Knockin'* Traditional Spiritual
Mrs. Roxanne Trump-Miles directs the Jr. Choir arr. by Ken Berg

Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited to Sunday School. Youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.

THE LESSON	Matthew 16:13-17	Bible, page 893
	John 11:17-27	Bible, page 978

ANTHEM *He Shall Wipe Away All Tears* by David Ellsworth
Katelyn Peterson directs the FCC Choir

THE MESSAGE	“Questions To Answer”	Patty Reddy
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ANTHEM *I Am Not My Own* by Craig Courtney
FCC Choir accompanied by the Brass Quartet

OFFERTORY *Hymn of Promise* setting by John Ferguson

***Betty Blank** passed away February 10, 2022. A private memorial gathering has been scheduled for May 7, and a private interment at Wisconsin Memorial Park on May 8.*

JR. CHOIR SONG: *Somebody's Knockin'*
TEXT: Traditional Spiritual

Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Oh, oh sinner! Why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Somebody's prayin' for your soul.
Somebody's prayin' for your soul.
Oh, oh sinner! Why don't you answer?
Somebody's prayin' for your soul.

Somebody's a knockin'
Somebody's a knockin'
Somebody's a knockin' at your door.

Somebody's singin' hallelu.
Somebody's singin' hallelu.
Oh, oh sinner! Why don't you answer?
Somebody's singin' hallelu.

Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Oh, oh sinner! Why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

ANTHEM: *He Shall Wipe Away All Tears*
TEXT: Based on Revelation 21:4

Behold the saints of God arise!
Called up to meet Him in the skies;
Set free from mortal grief and pain,
Their Lord and Master comes again.
And He shall wipe away all tears;
Their Lord shall wipe away all tears.
The mighty God, the Lord of Hosts,
Shall wipe all tears from their eyes.

As on the wings of eagles born
We shall come forth upon that morn
And sing with joy through time and space
And greet our Savior face to face!
And He shall wipe away our tears;
Our God shall wipe away our tears;
The Lord with us shall ever dwell
And wipe all tears from our eyes.

And He shall lead me by my hand,
To living fountains in this land;
All former things have passed away;
With my Redeemer I shall stay.

For He shall wipe away my tears,
My Lord shall wipe away my tears.
And I shall live eternally,
Within His healing light,
In robes of purest white.
The Lord shall wipe all tears from my eyes.

ANTHEM: *I Am Not My Own*
TEXT: Susan Bentall Boersma
Based on *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1*

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
Not in body, not in soul, in life nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me from evil
Set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,
In eternal life, He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit,
I will live for Him.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him. I belong to Him.
In life, in death, my only comfort,
I belong to Him.
I will live for Him forever and ever,
Forever and ever, forever more.

ADORATION

Florence Beatrice Price (née Smith) an African-American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher, born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 9, 1887, was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music. From 1927 until her death in 1953, she was active in Chicago where she began a friendship with writer Langston Hughes and contralto Marian Anderson, both prominent figures in the art world who aided in Price's future success as a composer. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. This morning's prelude, *Adoration*, is from The Organ Portfolio written in 1951.