

Hymn: *Lord, Who Throughout
These Forty Days*
Text: Carl Tuttle (1953-)

Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us didst fast and pray.
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
and close by Thee to stay.

And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!
Amen.

Hymn: *Before the Cross of Jesus*
Text: Ferdinand Blanchard (1876-1968)

Before the cross of Jesus
Our lives are judged today.
The meaning of our eager strife
Is tested by His Way.
Across our restless living
The light streams from His cross,
And by its clear, revealing beams
We measure gain and loss.

The hopes that lead us onward,
The fears that hold us back,
Our will to dare great things for God,
The courage that we lack,
The faith we keep in goodness,
Our love, as low or pure -
On all, the judgment of the cross
Falls steady, clear, and sure.

Yet humbly, in our striving,
O God, we face its test.
We crave the pow'r to do Thy will
With Him who did it best.
On us let now the healing
Of His great Spirit fall,
And make us brave and full of joy
To answer to His call.

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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

March 6, 2022~10am / 1st Sunday in Lent

Please silence your cell phones.

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

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Lounge following the service.

PRELUDE

Partita on *Jesu, meine Freude*
I. Chorale

by David M. Cherwien

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

WELCOME

Rev. Zach Vincent

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive reading)

Anne Callen

Leader: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.

People: **We remember that the steps that led Christ to the cross included betrayal and fear, but also trust in God and love for humanity.**

Leader: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example, despite the betrayal and fear in our own lives.

People: **Help us, God, to make our journey to the cross and to embrace trust in God and love for humanity. Be present God, as we worship You.**

HYMN #173

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
FCC Choir

ST. FLAVIAN

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (read in unison)

God our Father, reveal Your presence to us this day as we journey this path with Your Son. Through all of life’s trials and tribulations Your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send Your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may Your Word stay with us and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S STORY Tonia Wallner

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

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

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS,
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ~ (please see insert)

THE LESSON Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21 Bible, page 881

ANTHEM Were You There? arr. by Patrick Dupre Quigley

Katelyn Peterson directs the FCC Choir

THE MESSAGE “Alone with God” Rev. Vincent

ANTHEM The Meditations of My Heart by Elaine Hagenberg

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY Out of the depths, I cry, Lord, to Thee attrib. Christian Geist

(c. 1640-1711)

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

HYMN #189	Before the Cross of Jesus FCC Choir	ST. CHRISTOPHER
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	At the Name of Jesus	setting by Michael Bedford

CARE FOR CHILDREN

A nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the Worship Service.

Today’s Chancel flowers are given by Sharon Nortman in loving memory of her family and friends who have passed away.

Caring Corner

As of March 3, 2022

In Our Prayers

Wenda and Gerry Krupp as Wenda’s mother, Alice, is in the hospital for medical tests.

Ruth Ehlert as she deals with ongoing health issues.

Carolyn Simpson as she recovers from wrist surgery.

Lisa Mauer and Ed Probst as they mourn the death of Lisa’s father, Bruno Mauer. Bruno died February 27, 2022, in Fort Meyers, FL, where he and wife Mary Ann resided.

The family of Betsy Aspinwall-Isenberg as they mourn her death, which was February 7, 2022. Betsy worked in the First Church office for many years. Services were held.

Born to Eternal Life

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

ANTHEM: *The Meditations of My Heart*
TEXT: Elaine Hagenberg
(Based on Psalm 19)

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord,
O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my God and Redeemer.

ANTHEM: *Were You There?*
TEXT: African-American Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed
Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed
Him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they nailed
Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS COUNCIL MEMBERS,
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 12: 4-8

Rev. Zach Vincent

Minister:

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. On behalf of the members of this Church, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Those Installed: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Minister:

Will you work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation?

Those Installed: **Yes, we will.**

Minister:

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith, active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation. People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to us all?

People: **Yes, we will with the help of God.**

Minister:

This congregation has declared you installed as leaders of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. May God bless you with His Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer