Anthem: Arise, My Soul, Arise Text: Charles Wesley

Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the Throne, my Surety stands, Before the Throne, my Surety stands. My name is written on His hands. Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, They strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry, Nor let that ransomed sinner die. My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear, He owns me for His child. I can no longer fear: With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh. And "Father, Abba, Father," cry, Arise, my soul, arise!

Anthem: Did You Think to Pray Text: Mary Ann Pepper Kidder

Ere you left your room this morning, Did you think to pray? Did you sue for loving favor As a shield today? Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day. So, when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray. When your heart is filled with anger, Did you think to pray? Did you plead for grace, my brother, And forgive along the way? Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day. So, when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray. When sore trials came upon you, Did you think to pray? Balm of Gilead did you borrow At the gates of day? Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day. So, when life gets dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray.

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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.

Gathered in 1842

WORSHIP IN THE NAVE

March 20, 2022- 10:00 a.m. / 3rd Sunday in Lent

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest today, we would love to meet you!

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

WELCOME Rev. Julie Sheridan Smith

PRELUDE Rhosymedre by R. Vaughan Williams

Jessi Kolberg, Keyboard Musician

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Serena Stern

Leader: O God, You are our God; we come seeking You.

PEOPLE: Our souls thirst and long for Your presence as we are parched and weary.

Leader: We see You in Your sanctuary and look to Your power and glory.

PEOPLE: Your unfailing love is better than life itself.

Leader: We will praise You and lift our hands and heart to You.

PEOPLE: We will praise You with songs of joy.

*HYMN 329 My Song is Love Unknown

RHOSYMEDRE

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Dearest Father in heaven, we come to worship You with the joy of the resurrection alive within our hearts. We seek to find guidance for our lives and nourishment for our souls. Be with us now in this time of quiet praise and prayer so that we can return to our daily lives with new direction and dedication, living as You have taught us through Your Son. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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.

PF and Sunday School will meet in the Social Hall.

THE LESSON Luke 13:1-9 Bible, page 950

ANTHEM Arise, My Soul, Arise by Dan Forrest

Katelyn Peterson directs the FCC Choir

THE MESSAGE "Looking for Fruit" Rev. Smith

THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY Did You Think to Pray? by Neil Harmon

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 367 O Jesus, I Have Promised (verses 1, 2 & 3)

*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE O Jesus, I Have Promised by Matthew Zisi

ANGEL'S STORY

*Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.

CARE FOR CHILDREN

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

This morning's Chancel flowers are given by Ann and Jim Harris in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary on March 23rd.

Caring Corner

As of March 17, 2022

In Our Prayers

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.

Born to Eternal Life

Ruth Ehlert passed away March 3, 2022. Services were held.

WORSHIP PREVIEW FOR COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Minister: Dr. Gerry B. Krupp Choir Director: Katelyn Peterson Keyboard Musician: Rhonda Kwiecien