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In ev'ry clime, by ev'ry tongue
Be God's eternal glory sung;
Let all the list'ning earth confess
The Name that claims our faithfulness.

Unfailing Comfort, heav'nly Guide,
Still o'er this holy Church preside;
Descend upon us like a dove,
Spirit of mercy, truth and love.

Take Time To Be Holy
Text - William D. Longstaff (ca. 1882)

Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always,
And feed on His word.
Make friends with God's children,
Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing
His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see.

Be calm in thy soul,
Beneath his control,
Thus led by His spirit
To fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted
For service above.

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa
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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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE NAVE
20th Sunday After Pentecost
October 23, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

A nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the service.
Please silence your cell phones.

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

WELCOME

Rev. Julie Sheridan Smith

GREETING OF PEACE

THE PRELUDE

Ellacombe setting by Albert L. Travis
(I Sing the Mighty Power of God)
Rhonda Kwiecien, Director of Music and Keyboard Artist

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Cindy Walsh

Leader: How beautiful are the places where You live, O Lord!

People: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the bird has found a home. The swallow has found a nest for herself where she may lay her young at Your altars.

People: O Lord of all, how happy is the one who trusts in You! (based on Psalm 84)

*HYMN 39

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

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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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*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)
Gracious God, we open ourselves to the leading of Your Spirit this morning. We are grateful to be here, grateful to know Your love and mercy in our lives. Guide us and help us to seek to trust the ways you move and speak into our lives, that we might become more of who You have created us to be. We pray this in Jesus’ name, 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.

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

ANTHEM Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love by Howard Helvey
Ellen Shuler directs the FCC Choir

THE LESSON Luke 18:9-14 Bible, page 955

THE MESSAGE "A Parable of Ups and Downs" Rev. Sheridan-Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY Take Time To Be Holy by Gilbert M. Martin

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN 45 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata Festiva: In Babilone</i>	settings by Richard I. Purvis
	(abridged)	

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

Today’s Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of longtime First Church member James R. (Jim) Petrie, who passed away on December 31st, 2021, at 92 years young. In lieu of holding a formal memorial service, 3 generations of Jim’s family (including church members Sharon Petrie, Laura Petrie Anderson, and Grace Anderson, and former member Pam Petrie Cable) gathered together and privately celebrated Jim’s life during a memorable trip to Iceland in July. Your prayers and support have been greatly appreciated.

Caring Corner
as of October 20, 2022

Born to Eternal Life
Rev. Harry Clark, retired co-Minister of North Shore Cong. Church, passed away on Tuesday, October 4th. Services were held.

Congratulations!
Nicholas Galfano & Chloe Holmskov as they celebrate the birth of their first child, Hendrix Thomas Galfano, on October 1. Hendrix is the grandson of Thomas & Paige Galfano.

Sunday, October 30, 2022
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
Minister: Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith
Director of Music & Keyboard Artist: Rhonda Kwiecien
Greeter/Usher/Liturgist: Carolyn Simpson