



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

The service of worship begins with the first gift to God – the music of the organ. May you feel the Spirit of God through the power and quietness as you become comfortable and prepare to worship God. Thank you for observing our social distancing and masking request.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Elevation and Sanctus from Mass for Convents

François Couperin

Concerto for 2 harpsichords, BWV 1060, first movement, Allegro

J. S. Bach

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Here we are Lord! We come to be in touch with Your Spirit once more,

People: Quiet the tremors of our hearts and minds that we may feel your power in our lives.

Pastor: Amid challenges and insecurities of the world, help us to see Your Spirit at work.

People: Open our minds and hearts. Break open our lives that your free-flowing love might pour into our lives and the lives of all who are feeling alone.

Pastor: As we worship, embolden us with your promise of light in our lives, and confidence that you are always there and present to us.

People: God's peace permeates all there is. With You God, all is well. Amen.

THE GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)

Loving and Gentle God, as the wind blows and the leaves fall, we are reminded of your awesome presence. You create life, direct its path and send us gentle breezes to refresh us. Even when we struggle, the challenges and changes bring us closer to you. Help us to have thankful hearts and feel the peace that “passes all understanding” in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MUSIC

Hymn 287 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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vs. 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that surround us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139:1-14

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Can We Love One Another”
The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

MUSIC Hymn 289

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BECK

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Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And Bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted,
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,

Or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations
to do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness,
And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Rakowski, The Rev. Gene Van Galder, Marge Austin, Tony Prestil, Ralph and Linda Haynes

For those who wish to send a card to Gene: Please send them to the Church. We will get them to him.

SHARING PRAYER AND DOXOLOGY (In Unison)

Generous and approachable God, we gather together and bring not only our presence, but small portions of all you have given us. We hear your still, small voice calling us to share our wealth that others may feel your love. As we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house those in distress, bless all gifts and our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praise faith that keeps us ever strong
Praise hope that triumphs over wrong
Praise dreams that make our spirits rise
Praise voices raised in joyful cries

QUIET PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL INSIGHT

Song of Songs

MUSIC

Concerto, BWV 1060, second movement, Adagio

Bach

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto, BWV 1060, third movement, Allegro

Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching.....	The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner
Liturgist.....	Donna Trimm
Organist and Director of Music.....	Max Yount
Harpichordist.....	Beth J. Yount
Streaming and Recording.....	Krissy & Peter Landon

Welcome to FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We are a member of The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the Wisconsin Conference of Congregational Churches.
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, study, fellowship and service of this congregation.

This Week at Church

October 26, Staff Meeting 8:30am
November 1, All Saint’s Sunday, Streaming online
The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

Official Call of the Congregation

Budget Meeting November 15, by mail,
more information coming

LOOKING AHEAD

Gifts of Love- distribution to social agencies
No in-person distribution



Reminder of The Time Change November 1st

MISSION OF THE MONTH

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased” Hebrews 13:16 NIV*

Our Primary Mission- Provide support that will

bring positive, long range solutions and to ensure effort is made to protect the dignity, self-respect, and personal worth of each person served.



Mission and Organization

Since 1972 the Morgan-Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns has formed a base from which the needs of low-income families in Scott and Morgan counties in rural Tennessee can be addressed. MSP functions as both a social services agency and as a community development organization.

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Prayer for the Church

Loving and Eternal God, you have abundantly blessed us with the power to reach out and make a difference in the world. We ask that you bless our ministry through our Church and increase our love for one another and our community. Help us honor our history and seek your will as we march into our future in Jesus' name. Amen

Ushering

If you would be interested in ushering please call the Church office and let them know. We currently have the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays open.

Did you know David Livingstone...

David Livingstone was a minister, physician, missionary, explorer, and abolitionist. He was Scottish and was sent to Africa on a mission. His idea was to Christianize the natives and establish trade that would replace the East African Arab-Swahili slave trade. Much of the interior of Africa was unknown to Europeans. Travel there was difficult for anyone, but the malaria, dysentery and sleeping sickness especially affected Europeans and their animals. Livingstone became obsessed with mapping it and finding the routes of the Zambezi and Nile rivers so they could be used in trade that would end the slave trade. He was among the first to make a trans-continental trek across South Africa. On one of his last trips to the interior of Africa he seems to have disappeared for six years. The American newspaper, The New York Herald sent a correspondent to find him. Henry Morton Stanley found him, was not certain it was Livingstone so he greeted him, “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”



...was a Congregationalist?

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