

Fourth Sunday in Lent



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Beloit, Wisconsin

SUNDAY, March 14, 2021
FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT
WE WORSHIP GOD AS A FAMILY

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.

Please stand as you are able * Listening devices are available.

Reminder: with social distancing and wearing masks for safety, we also will not be greeting one another with handshakes or hugs. At least not yet! Thank you.

WE ARE CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE hymn arrangements

“O, How I Love Jesus” American melody

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

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“Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley”

American Folk Hymn arr. by Jack Schrader

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“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema arr. by Jack Schrader

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***WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Congregation reads bold print)

Pastor: Loving God, we have come now to thank you for your constant presence in our lives.

People: We come to raise our voices in prayer together.

Pastor: Lord, we come together to learn and be inspired.

People: We come to hear the sacred word.

Pastor: Let us feel your love and your light as we share these moments.

People: Let us recognize once more the importance of reaching out with our souls to ground ourselves in your love. Amen.

***THE GATHERING SONG** Hymn 553, vs. 1 and 4

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen

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Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

(continued)

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, now is the day. (continued)

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION (In Unison)**

Loving God, as we immerse ourselves in this season of Lent, we take a deep breath and begin to look at our priorities, our wants and needs, and we make new decisions about our spiritual lives. Help us to take a deep breath, calm ourselves and feel your presence. Help us to focus on the Word as we celebrate your life and teachings. Let us once more commit our lives to love all, respect the beliefs and feelings of others, and begin once more to follow the life of Jesus as we declare ourselves his own – Christians. Amen.

WE BREAK OPEN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

THE GOOD NEWS

“Teach Us To Pray”
The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

THE INTERNATIONAL LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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 portion and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Keep us from temptation and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN piano arrangement

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

African American Spiritual arr. by John Carter

Spirituals for Piano by John Carter, Augsburg Fortress, USA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

QUIET PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC piano arrangements

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Walker's Southern Harmony, arr. by John Carter

Copyright 1987 Folk Hymns for Piano, Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL

"It is Well With My Soul", arr. by John Carter

Gospel Treats for Jazz Piano by John Carter, Augsburg Fortress, USA

WE FOCUS ON GIVING THANKS

(Offering plates are available in the Gathering Space for you to place your gifts either before or after the worship service. **Remember, envelopes support the Church's ministry and cash goes directly to missions**)

INVITATION AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS

RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above all heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS (In Unison)

As we come and go from this holy place, we offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure that the work of your church might continue to reach out into the community in your name. Bless all who give and all who share their lives with others, that your mission might truly be accomplished through us and in your name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL INSIGHT

Rev. Gene Van Galder

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

HYMN 390 vs. 1, 2 and 4

"It is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;**

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well (it is well)
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul. (continued)

Though Evil should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

3-fold Amen

DANISH

POSTLUDE piano arrangement

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

African American Spiritual arr. by John Carter

Spirituals for Piano, By John Carter, Augsburg Fortress, USA

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner
Liturgist..... The Rev Gene Van Galder
Organist and Director of Music..... Max Yount
Piano..... Johanna Baldwin
Ushers..... .Ron and Janet Peterson

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The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
And the Wisconsin Conference of Congregational Churches.

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Welcome to First Congregational Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, study, fellowship and services of this congregation.

If you are a guest with us this morning, our ushers are available to assist you. Individual **listening devices** for improved sound for those with hearing needs are available. **Large Print Bulletins** are available for those with sight needs. Our ushers will direct you to both **regular and large print bulletins on the table in the Gathering Space**. **Restrooms** are located to your left as you leave the worship space.

Ushering

If you would be interested in ushering please call the Church office and let them know. We appreciate your help.

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.



Thank you to Cheryl Kitto, Kay and Kendell Nordstrom for sharing your voices.

This Week at Church

March 15, Staff Meeting 9am

March 17, Al-Anon 10:00 am

Easter Lily Order forms Due

March 18 Celebration of Life for Caryl Hines

Visitation 10-11am

Service 11am

March 21, Worship 10am Gene Van Galder, preaching

Church Council Meeting after Church

Looking Ahead

March 28, **MUSICA MAXIMA** 3pm

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Caritas

The Power of Caring

2,213

5,940

446,787

You might be wondering about the numbers in bold at the top of this page. They are important to the life of Caritas. In 2019, **2,213** are the number of different **households** Caritas served. Not every household needed us every month, but we were there for them when they were in need.

Those households represent **people**, **5,770** in fact. Plus, about **105** Beloit School District High School **Students** who have been identified as homeless that Caritas provides food for the weekend, every school year week. Then there are the families at the **Domestic Violence Shelter** Caritas supports every other week with food. Again, about **35** people served per month. Last and not least, about **30** people, in three different apartment complexes, with **limited mobility** that we provide food to monthly.

Then there is the **446,787 pounds** of food Caritas distributed last year. Not every household or individual used Caritas services every month, but we were there for everyone.

Caritas serves more than those who come through our door. We go where we are needed, to serve our community. This is what the power of your caring has accomplished. We don't know what the coming year holds, but with your donation, Caritas will make the future a little brighter for our fellow neighbors.

Caritas needs soup, size 6 diapers, baby wipes



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