



Slogan:

Light Up Your Life

Mission:

Like a lighthouse, this church beckons to all spiritual seekers to be more like Jesus.

Values:

Accepting, Uplifting, Faithful

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Andantino

Jean Langlais

RHOYSYMEDRE (My Song is Love Unknown)

John D. Edwards, arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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PASTORAL WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty or worry.

People: We come because the load we carry is often heavy and we cannot bear it alone.

Pastor: Come, all who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service into a meaningful life.

People: We gather for growth of our spirits and help in making choices to carry out our commitments.

Pastor: Come, saint and sinner. Share your hard times and celebrations; your successes and failures; your sorrows and joys.

People: Here we are, responding to the leading of the Spirit. We open ourselves now to receive Gods gracious gift of love. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)

Loving God, we gather to pray together and to be inspired by the Word. Help us to follow Jesus and bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those in despair, and justice to the oppressed. Help us to participate in the most important opportunity of all times –to share your love with the world in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MUSIC Hymn 548

“If the Hearts are Lifted”

KING’S WESTON
stanzas 2 and 3

If our hearts are lifted Where devotion soars
High above this hungry, Suff’ring world of ours,
Lest our hymns should drug us To forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship Into Christian deeds.
Lest the gifts we offer, Money, talents, time,
Serve to salve our conscience, To our secret shame,
Lord, reprove, inspire us By the way you give;
Teach us, dying Savior, How true Christians live.

THE GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOOD NEWS

“This Is Group Work!”

The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

MUSIC Hymn 492,

“God of All Love”

STAR IN THE EAST

stanzas 1 and 2

God of all love, You call Your many peoples
To be a sign to all the human race,
To show Your care, Your justice and compassion
And live Your love in ev’ry time and place.
We find our homes in local congregations
Drawn where Your spirit’s steady love-light burns.
There day by day, we seek Your will in service
Holding in common values and concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

Jeanne Campbell and Marge Austin

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. 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

“Pie Jesu”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

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Translation of Latin text: Merciful Jesus, Who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

CONGREGATIONAL INSIGHT

Branding Committee

Introduction-Donna Trimm

Presentation-Church Council action

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Prayer- The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Offertory for Use of Convents

François Couperin

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching.....The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner

Organist and Director of Music.....Max Yount

Soloist.... Cheryl Kitto

Ushers.....Ron and Janet Peterson

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.

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.

This Week at Church

September 21, Staff Meeting 8:30am

September 23, Al-Anon 10am

September 27, Worship 10am

The Rev. Gene Van Galder, preaching

Looking Ahead

MUSICA MAXIMA October 11, 3pm

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Friends of Noah-WI is a volunteer-based animal rescue organization that was founded by Lois and Mert Corwin. It is the largest pet rescue organization in Rock County, Friends of Noah is committed to providing new opportunities for stray and abandoned animals through placement into permanent homes, educating the public, and offering assistance to pet owners struggling to provide for their pets. See their website for more information <https://www.friendsofnoah-wi>.



Did you know Washington Gladden...

Washington Gladden was a Congregationalist minister who penned hundreds of articles and authored nearly forty books. He also wrote the popular hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." However, he is best known as the father of the Social Gospel Movement which gave the gospel a social conscience.

Gladden believed in the redemption of individuals and social institutions. His Social Gospel perspective challenged local churches to take up issues of social justice by standing with prisoners, the oppressed and the sick, as Jesus did. He was an advocate for labor rights, a living wage, racial justice and world peace. He warned that widespread poverty and the concentration of vast wealth in the hands of a few was subversive to the very fabric of American society. He called for the application of the "Golden Rule" to all economic, business, political, and international relationships. Teddy Roosevelt was a friend of Gladden and a promoter of the Social Gospel. In the early 20th century Social Gospel proponents campaigned to enact a whole host of progressive reform measures to empower the common people against corporate monopolies and monied interests. Their political success in this brief period is remarkable. Between 1913 and 1920 four amendments to the Constitution were adopted to establish a more just and equitable society. In his final years Gladden opposed American participation in World War I. His last book, *The Forks of the Road*, was an indictment of the growing spirit of militarism in America and the church.



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