

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**

**The service of worship begins with the first gift of 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.**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Sonata no. 1, BWV 1014, for violin and harpsichord  
first three movements                      Johann Sebastian Bach

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has great things in store for us.

**People: We come with excitement for all God offers us.**

Leader: God invites us to the greatest adventure of our lives.

**People: We are eager for what God will reveal to us.**

Leader: We are called to become the very children of God.

**People: We will answer God's call and press forward.**

Leader: God invites us to perfection and holiness.

**People: That is our goal. We will go there with God.**

**GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)**

O God who is perfect and whole: Grant to us a clarity of goal so that we may move forward toward the reality that you have in mind for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MUSIC

"The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

FOREST GREEN

The wise may bring their learning,  
The rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their brilliance,  
And some bring strength and health;  
We, too, would bring our treasures  
To offer to the King;  
We have no gift deserving.  
What shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;  
We'll bring Him thankful praise,  
And young souls humbly striving  
To walk in holy ways:  
And these shall be the treasures  
We offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even  
The youngest child may bring.

We'll come and show the Savior  
The things we do each day;  
We'll try our best to please Him,  
At home, at school, at play;  
And better are these treasures  
To offer to our King;  
Than richest gifts without them  
Yet these a child may bring.

## THE GOOD NEWS

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 1:1-19

**The Word of the Lord**  
Thanks be to God

### THE GOOD NEWS

Lessons from Proverbs  
The Rev. Gene Van Galder, preaching

## MUSIC

Sonata VI, second half (Nürnberg, 1681)

Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

Les Wicker and Tony Prestil

### **QUIET PRAYER, PASTORAL 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**

"You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

PICARDY

text by Sylvia G. Dunstan 1991, GIA Publications

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and swordbringer  
Of the way You took and gave.  
You the everlasting instant;  
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross,  
Shining in eternal glory,  
Beggard by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.  
Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life.

### **CONGREGATIONAL INSIGHT**

***WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD***

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 1, BWV 1014, last movement J. S. Bach

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching .....	The Rev. Gene Van Galder
Liturgist.....	The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner
Organist and Director .....	Max Yount
Violinist.....	Emily Sobacki
Ushers.....	Ron and Janet Peterson

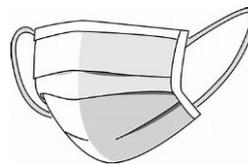
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### Welcome to First Congregational Church

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

### To Assure the Safety of all our worshipers We follow The Temporary Dynamics of Worship

- Social Distancing
- Wearing of Masks
- No Communion
- No Congregational Singing
- Offering – please place in the basket
- No Greeting or Fellowship Time



### This Week at Church

August 17, Staff Meeting 8:30am

August 19, Church Council 9:30am

Al-Anon 10am

August 23, Worship 10am The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

### 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.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH



**16:49** *16 Hours and 49 minutes...The time between school ending one day and starting the next, for some kids, are the longest hours of their entire lives.*

Project 16:49 is a local non-profit organization serving Rock County's unaccompanied homeless teens. We believe every child deserves an opportunity to succeed. To that end, Project 16:49 ensures access to the services and support these students need to remain in school, graduate and become self-sufficient adults. This is accomplished primarily through two avenues:

1. Securing access to safe and stable housing
  - \* We work with *Safe Families for Children* to obtain host homes/families for short and longer-term housing for youth under 18 years of age.
  - \* We provide supervised shared living opportunities for youth ages 18 – 20 who meet our *eligibility criteria*, as space allows.
2. Providing case management and support to youth as they work to complete an individual goal plan. Plans address seven key areas and are designed to help youth overcome barriers and acquire knowledge and skills to live independently.

### Did you know Simeon Howard Calhoun...

Simeon Howard Calhoun was born on this date in 1804 in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from Williams College in 1829, and was a tutor there from 1833 till 1836. In 1837 Simeon became a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His field of service was the Holy Land for nearly 40 years. He was thoroughly versed in the Arabic and Turkish languages, and he collaborated with Dr. William Goodell, another ABCFM missionary, in making the first translation of the Bible into Armeno-Turkish (Turkish words using Armenian letters.). For this work, Williams College awarded him an honorary doctorate (D.D.) in 1864.



Realizing the need for ministers in their own country and language, Simeon founded a seminary for the education of native teachers. He loved his adopted country and the people he served. His son, Charles William Calhoun (b. February 2, 1850, d. June 22, 1883), died on the mission field at age 33 and is buried at the Anglo-American Cemetery in Beirut, Lebanon. Simeon himself had hoped to be buried in Lebanon, but it was not to be. After many years of service abroad, he returned to the United States. He died at Buffalo, N. Y., December 14, 1876 at the age of 72.

**...was a Congregationalist?**

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