



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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

Tarantella, Opus 33
Copyright 1957 International Music Company
“The God of Abraham Praise” YIGDAL

David Popper
Hebrew melody

PASTORAL WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: It's us again, Lord, coming together in love to worship you.

People: As we gather, give us a sense of your Holy Spirit and make us one.

Pastor: Lord, we want to believe we can be one in Christ Jesus, and yet we are frightened by the very idea.

People: Loving God, help us to feel a sense of sharing as we try to follow the way.

Pastor: This is a day of new beginnings, O Lord. As we pray together in our usual way, let us welcome others to join in sharing our sacred space.

People: Lord, give us hearts and voices to praise you and then include all Your children in our lives and hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER (In Unison)

Loving and Gracious God, we gather together as one family. We invite others to join with us and welcome the stranger into our midst. We ask that as our hearts are filled with wonder at the sounds of music and the Word of scripture as it is opened for us. Help us to truly feel your spirit and allow our hearts to be open to change. Let us truly be your followers in Jesus' name. Amen.

MUSIC

Hymn 264 "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

NUN DANKET ALL'

This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice,
Let earth be glad,
And praise sur-round the throne.
Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise;
The highest heav-n,
In which He regins,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

THE GOOD NEWS**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 2:23 – 3:9

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOOD NEWS

Memories or Expectation?
The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, preaching

MUSIC

"Prayer" from *Jewish Life*
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Ernest Bloch

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

"Silent Woods", Opus 68, No. 5
Copyright 1951 International Music Company

Antonin Dvorak

CONGREGATIONAL INSIGHT***WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Benjamin Carr

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching	The Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner
Liturgist.....	The Rev. Gene Van Galder
Organist and Director	Max Yount
Cellist.....	Hannah Filipiak
Pianist.....	Patti Filipiak
Ushers.....	Donna Trimm

First Congregational Church of Beloit

Is a Member of

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

And the Wisconsin Conference of Congregational Churches

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.

If you are a guest with us this morning, our ushers are available to assist you.

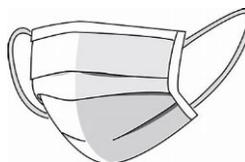
Individual **listening devices** for improved sound. **Large Print Bulletins** are available for those with hearing or sight needs. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

Restrooms are located to your left as you leave the worship space.

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 1, Staff Meeting 8:30am

August 26 Al-Anon 10am

August 30, Worship 10am The Rev. Gene Van Galder, 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 Mary Webb...

Mary Webb was just five when disaster struck. A "severe sickness" paralyzed her. She survived but was unable to move her legs. From then on she had to be carried or get herself around in a wheelchair. Even as a girl, she was the "life of the party" and the focus of many friendships. A kindly preacher befriended her when she was thirteen and this led to her spiritual awakening. She turned her zest for life toward working for the Lord.



A mission sermon preached by Nathanael Emmons in May 1799, made a deep impression on Mary. Emmons took as his text the words of 2 Chronicles 15:7, "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." Seventeen months later, on October 9, 1800, twenty-one year old Mary Webb organized fourteen Baptist and Congregational women into the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes. This was the first women's mission society in the United States. At that time, women were not expected to have their own societies. Mary altered this expectation. From the start Mary showed an ecumenical spirit, uniting

Baptists and Congregationalists in her effort. From her wheelchair, she organized, directed, and pleaded the cause of world missions. For 56 years, as secretary and treasurer of the society, she inspired new mission societies, and promoted cooperation between the 200 that sprang up. She could not travel to speak face to face with women, nor did she have access to the conveniences of modern communication. Instead, she wrote thousands of letters.

...was a Congregationalist?



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