First Congregational United Church of Christ

April 6, 2025





Brazen Beauty

by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by John 12:1-8

Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

In the chapter just before this, Lazarus dies and Jesus weeps. But after being laid in the tomb, Lazarus is raised and made well. This act solidifies for the chief priests and Pharisees that Jesus is a dangerous threat. In response, they order for his arrest and plot how they will kill him. Jesus retreats from public ministry, hiding out in the wilderness in Ephraim. As the passover nears, people begin to wonder: "Will Jesus be here?"

Despite the threats mounting, Jesus does return. On his way to Jerusalem, he stops in Bethany, seeking refuge and comfort in the home of his friends. Martha cooks a feast, and Lazarus-healthy and alive-



joins him at the table. In resistance to death, as an act of extravagant love, Mary anoints Jesus with a fragrance that fills the whole room. Her actions could appear impulsive, but if you were saying your last goodbye to someone you loved, how would you act?

This image began as a painting on raw canvas. With fluid strokes of paint, I allowed the colors to run and bleed into each other. As I drew Mary kneeling, I omitted the other details in the scene, removing Jesus' feet, the other guests, the table full of food. I wanted to focus on Mary's brazen act of pouring out the expensive perfume, a commodity valued at a year's worth of wages. The luxurious liquid is expansive, flowing out toward us as the viewer. It bleeds into the red, foreshadowing the blood Jesus will soon shed. The vessel she holds is lined with gold, a reference to the ancient Japanese practice of Kintsugi, of repairing broken pottery with gold lacquer. The art of Kintsugi embellishes the cracks and transforms a shattered vessel into a new object of beauty. In this embodied act of worship, Mary is practicing Kintsugi—boldly celebrating the beauty of life even as death approaches.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025 9:30AM Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Variations on Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ss Treasure Tune by Johann Crüger Setting by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712) Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Show Me Thy Ways (based on Psalm 25:4-5)

Mark Patterson (b. 1969)

Children's Choir

Show me thy ways, O Lord. Teach me thy paths, Lord, and I will follow. Guide me in your truth, lead me in your love, teach me Lord, I pray. Show me thy ways. You are the God of my salvation; you are the hope of my days. You are the king of all creation; I long to know your ways. May your love go before me; may your Spirit be my guide. May your word stand beside me as I serve you, Lord, all my life. Show me thy ways, O Lord. . .

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please Rise in Body or Spirit OPENING HYMN (see bulletin pages 7 & 8) Jesus, Priceless Treasure

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Jesu Meine Freude

Dianne Droster

Jesus, we confess that too often we hide our faith,

tucking it away for comfort instead of proudly declaring,

"Yes, we are Christian. Yes, we believe. Yes, this faith has changed us."

We fear offending others or embarrassing ourselves,

so we create rules: no faith at dinner, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers.

Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing.

Forgive us for staying silent when we could be rewriting the story.

We want to be brave. We want to be faithful. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence,

All: God loves us.

One: Even in our fear or shame,

All: God chooses us.

One: Even when we sin,

All: God wraps us in grace.

One: You are free - to be bold, to be brave, to be exactly who God called you to be. **All: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE #183

What Wondrous Love Is This (St. 1)

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this! That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the prayer request cards will be collected. After the Children's Message, the children leave with the director and return to partake in communion with their families.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #109

Fairest Lord Jesus (St.1)

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

Karen Gosse

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON "Just an Ordinary Dinner Party"

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

*HYMN

The Lord Went to a Dinner

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, sung to the tune of "O Jesus, I Have Promised"



OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click "Give" to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

Sanctuary Choir

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for all. Whose side was pierced, from whence flowed blood and water. Be for us a foretaste of heaven, now and in death's agony.

*DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to eat the bread when you receive your communion elements. Please wait to drink the cup until instructed. Communion is gluten free and alcohol free.

INVITATION

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

April (Snowdrop) from The Seasons, Op 37a Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

"The blue, pure snowdrop – flower, and near it the last snowdrops. The last tears over past griefs, and first dreams of another happiness."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, because in grace and love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to new life. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 9)

Fight the Good Fight

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (Please remain standing in the pews to receive this response.) Amen R. Farrant (1525-80)

POSTLUDE

Duke Street (Fight the Good Fight)

Tune by John Hatton Setting by Zach Unke

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor* Dianne Droster, *Retired Pastor* Karen Gosse, *Lay Reader* Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist* John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries* Sanctuary Choir Children's Choir: Elise Burton, Harlow Cartier, Malin Cartier, Addie Gingerich, Elijah Hatch, McKenna Jahnke, Hazel Meier, Stella Meier, Anders Schlabach, Joanna Schmidt, Abraham Slowinski, Henry Slowinski, Elena Steffens, Evy Van Thull, and Lou Van Thull; John Albrecht, *director*; Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *accompanist*

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Sign up to be a deliverer by scanning this QR code or by contacting the church office. Deliver to someone you know or someone nearby.

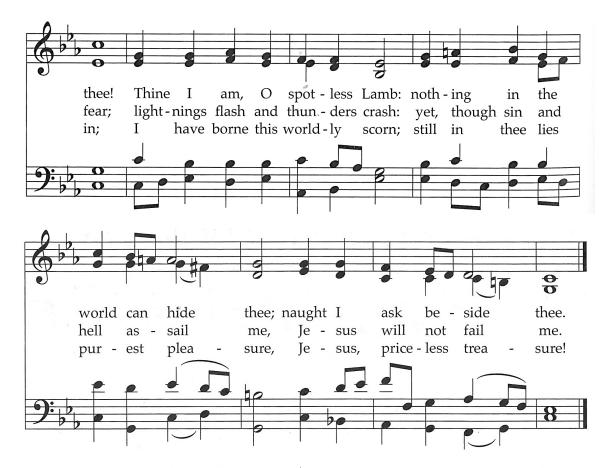
Thank you for keeping this Easter tradition alive!

~ Kwik Trip Cards and Youth Stock available today after worship in the narthex ~



DUKE ST.





The classic marriage of words and music that characterizes German chorales can be seen well in this simple but intense text voiced by an already elegant tune that Bach burnishes in his harmonization. Text and tune evoke each other and reinforce the ardor of those who sing.

TEXT: Johann Franck, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1653; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1723 JESU, MEINE FREUDE 6.6.5.6.6.5.7.8.6



The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1–2).

USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

APRIL USHERS: Mike Weaver, Liz Dettwiler, Doug Gilbert, Becky Gilbert, Wayne Lannoye, Susan Forsythe, Karl Heinz, Tony Nielson, Tom Rued AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Palm SundayPastor Nick HatchMusic: Sanctuary Choir; John Daniel, trumpet; John Aaholm, timpaniLuke 19:28-40Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast hosted by our youth after worship

ON THE CALENDAR		
April 17	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 20	8:45AM & 10:30AM	Easter Worship
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

	HOLIDAY DECORATIONS DONATION Your Name Donation Amount	
Make check payable to 'FCUCC' with memo 'Holiday Decorations Donation.'		
Please word the following as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin:		
In honor of		
In memory of		
In celebration of		
Drop this form off in the offering plate or return it to the church office or email your information to <u>info@uccappleton.org</u> by Monday, April 14.		

Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community		
Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.		
Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393 In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.		
Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Mary Jo Laabs	
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Kathy Lannoye	
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	
Don Brittnacher	Elizabeth McNally	
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with	
Karen Craddock	Cancer	
Liz Dettwiler	Dean Ostrander	
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Tom Ott	
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya	
David Galow	Anika Quillman	
The family of Paul Gohdes	Frank and Pat Severin	
Georgie Harris and family	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie	
Colton Heimlich	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries	
JoAnn Helms	Kinsley Tarr	
Shirley Hoft	Gloria Tate	
Misty Hofman	Jack Thiel	
Sandi Hurm	Peter Thiel	
Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer	James Totzke	
Jean Jepson	Those living with mental unwellness	
Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube	Lynn Weyenberg Hooyman	
Jim Kriner	Dave White	
Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.		
Thank you!		



Outreach Ministries thanks you for Altadena Fire contributions.

Our church was able to send \$5,550 to the UCC's recovery efforts in the devastated area. Contribution came from congregational donations of \$1,550 and \$4,000 from the Beemer Endowment Fund for Mission and Service.

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please visit our website, weekly e-newsletters, and social media.

Badger State Women's Choir in Concert: Featuring Badger State Honor Choir with special guest Rina Takahashi, piano, and directed by Dr. Kevin Meidl, this concert will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 13 at 4:00PM. Tickets and more information at <u>https://www.badgerstategirlchoir.com/</u>

<u>Can't Get to Church? Still Want to Be Connected?</u> Our Call-to-Connect Ministry Team continues to keep 43 members connected by phone. Originally, we focused on seniors over 80. Because our Calling Team has expanded, we can now include anyone who would like to receive occasional calls. Would you like to be called? Do you know someone who would appreciate being included? Contact Betty Masaros at tworaye@aol.com or 920-733-1665 or Pastor Katherine at kwpershey@uccappleton.org at 920-851-9156.

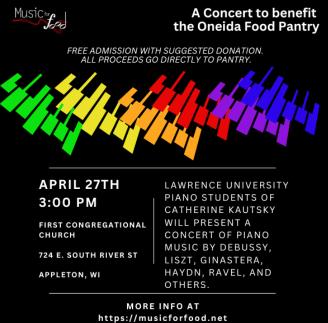
New Membership Exploration Class: Are you new to First Congregational and want to learn more about our faith community? Would you like to find a place to ask your questions of faith and call your faith home? Then join Pastor Katherine and Pastor Nick after worship Sunday, April 27, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the chapel. We'll be talking about our journeys of faith. We will share about this church, our theology, and get to know one another. We hope to listen to the story of your spiritual journey and the questions that have guided you to seek a new community. Please RSVP for the New Membership Exploration Class by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by contacting the front office at info@uccappleton.org.

<u>People's Library</u>: The church library is creating a new section to include books that have been <u>written by members of the congregation</u>. We are looking for a wide range of books, including family memoirs that have been printed at Kinko's and titles that cover the author's passion and/or expertise and everything in between. These books will be (at least initially) for internal circulation and won't leave the library. If you have something to add to the collection, please place it in the church library in the box labeled "People's Library."

Library News: The theme for April is Lent and Easter. If you want to spend time reflecting or to learn more as a family about honoring Lent and Easter, come check out our books. Here are a couple: "*The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days In Jerusalem*" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan and "'*Twas the Season of Lent*" by Glenys Nellist.

<u>Kenya Sponsor Reception</u>: Save Sunday, **May 4**, after service for the Kenya Sponsor Reception. Sponsors and all interested persons are invited to meet Mildred Chepkonga, our special guest from Kenya. Please greet her in church on April 27 and May 4. <u>NOAHH Requests</u>: A queen-sized box spring and mattress and two twin mattresses, a donor to pay \$200 for half of a Driver's Education course, two bassinets, plastic totes for moving, any financial support, and Aldi or Walmart grocery gift cards. Contact Barb Mincheff, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Outagamie County Health & Human Services, for pick up/drop off, 920-832-5515.





Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

April 13, 10:30 - 11:30AM

Pancakes, Berries, Sausages & More gluten-free & dairy free pancakes available

\$10 Suggested Donation All Amounts Appreciated, Never Required Kids <5 Eat Free

This breakfast is hosted by our youth as a heartfelt thank you for your support. It is not a fundraiser, as all proceeds help cover the cost of ingredients.

Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY ~ April 13 at 9:30AM

This service will feature an opening processional beginning in the narthex with bells and palms, the Sanctuary Choir, and John Daniel, trumpet. This service will also be livestreamed. After worship join us for a youth-led pancake breakfast.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 17 at 7:00PM

This service will be a Tenebrae Service with Communion. Pastor Nick and Pastor Katherine will lead the service, and the Sanctuary Choir, LU Music Scholars and Matt Michelic, viola, will be featured. This service will also be livestreamed.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE ~ April 18 at 12:00PM This service will be held at Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2600 Philip Ln, Appleton, WI 54915. A combined Ecumenical Choir will be offered.

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 20 at 8:45AM and 10:30AM These services will feature the Sanctuary Choir, LU Music Scholars, LU Brass Quintet, organ and timpani, and a Scholar soloist. Both Easter services will also be livestreamed. Childcare will be available during the 8:45AM service. Children should bring a basket or bag to take home goodies they'll collect during our Massive Egg Hunt between services, at 9:45AM.



When you hear "The Isaiah Project," think "infrastructure." The Steering Committee and four Task Forces are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development, and discernment to provide recommendations to Church Council about our buildings, grounds, and neighborhood presence. These recommendations will address our current and future needs and support our mission and priorities.

The Isaiah Corner: Grounds Task Force Report

Remember how cold and snowy it was in February? During that month, members of the Grounds Task Force led representatives of several landscape architecture firms around our property. We had carefully selected them, asked if they were interested in our project, and set up appointments to meet with them on those wintry days.

Our tours began when we exited the building from the chapel so we could show them the Memorial Garden. Then we carefully wended our way down the hill to the ravine. In some ways it was good to be there in winter so they could see the "lay of the land." One time, the snow



was so deep we couldn't climb the deteriorated steps leading from the ravine to the back of the Fellowship Hall, so we went to the Fellowship Hall and looked outside while staying warm and safe.

After these interviews, we made decisions on firms to invite to submit proposals for their designs, keeping in mind our need for a phased approach, respect for our church's Land Covenant and the Indigenous people who populated our region, and our need for outdoor spaces accessible to all regardless of mobility.

We received two detailed proposals, used the same rating system to evaluate them, and, after one more meeting with representatives of the company we rated most highly, made the decision to recommend Vande Hey Company, Inc. to Church Council. On March 25, Church Council approved hiring them to prepare a detailed design plan. We now look forward to receiving their plan and sharing it with the Isaiah Steering Committee, the congregation, and interested community members.

Reminder! Child Care focus group and pizza party **today**, **Sunday**, **April 6 at 5:15PM**. Please see this bulletin, page 13, for details. Hope you are able to join!



New Event Coming to Service Sunday

The Isaiah Project Community Partnerships Team is planning a "Repair Fair" as part of Service Sunday on **June 1** this year. Our "Repair Fair" is patterned after the international movement called "Repair

Café." Repair Café is part of a grassroots movement that aims to reduce waste, overconsumption, and planned obsolescence. It can ignite the do-it-together and do-it-yourself spirit!



The plan is to have volunteers on site from our church community who have talents in things like small appliance, lamp, bike, jewelry, and furniture repair; sewing and mending; basic phone/computer tech support; and knife/tool sharpening. Our church community will be able to bring items in for repair on that day. Our hope is to expand this project to include our neighborhood in the future.

This project has the potential to promote waste reduction and encourage a culture of repair. Volunteers (or Fix-It Friends) often share their knowledge with participants, which can help develop their own repair skills. This builds community around a shared goal of reducing waste, promoting sustainability, and neighbors helping neighbors.

Save the date if you can be a volunteer Fix-It Friend. And if you have a stash of things such as shirts that need a button, a chair that needs glueing, a smart phone question, etc., find them and save them for the Repair Fair, June 1. More information coming soon.

This Week's Schedule

<u>Monday, April 7</u>		
3:30-5:00PM	IPAC Meeting – Upper Lounge & Zoom	
4:30-6:00PM	Grounds Task Force Meeting – Isaiah Project Room	
6:30-7:30PM	EJWG Meeting: Generative Local Community Lever - Upper Lounge	
6:30-8:30PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir - Sanctuary	
<u>Tuesday, April 8</u>		
9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – Fellowship Hall	
1:00-2:30PM	HR Committee Meeting - Upper Lounge	
1:30-3:00PM	Racial Equity – <i>by Zoom</i>	
2:00-4:00PM	Library Committee - Library	
6:00-8:00PM	Wild Women of First Congregational @ Stone Arch Brewpub, Appleton	
6:30-7:30PM	Living Sober AA Group - Common Grounds	
7:00-8:30PM	Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall	
7:00-9:00PM	Technology Committee - by Zoom	
7:45-8:45PM	Fireside AA – Common Grounds	

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Wednesday, April 9		
9:30AM-12:00PM	Isaiah Project Meeting – Isaiah Project Room	
12:15-1:00PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – <i>Upper Lounge</i>	
4:30-5:30PM	MS/HS Youth Group Volunteering @ Fox Valley Humane Association	
5:45-6:25PM	Youth Handbells – Amistad Room	
6:30-7:30PM	MS Youth Group – MS Youth Room	
6:30-7:30PM	Lenten Devotional: Turning Over Tables - Chapel & Zoom	
6:30-8:00PM	Confirmation Class @ Wichmann Funeral Home	
7:00-8:30PM	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room, Sanctuary	
<u>Thursday, April 10</u>		
9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies - Fellowship Hall	
12:00-1:00PM	AA Search for Serenity Group – Common Grounds	
6:30-7:30PM	Congregational Life Committee – Upper Lounge	
6:30-8:00PM	TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – <i>River Room</i>	
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds	
<u>Friday, April 11</u>		
10:00-11:30AM	Bulletin Folders – <i>Library</i>	
7:00-8:00PM	Al–Anon – <i>Upper Lounge</i>	
7:00-8:30PM	N.A – Common Grounds	
<u>Saturday, April 12</u>		
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds	
Sunday, April 13		
9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – Childcare Room	
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Palm Sunday/Joyful Noise – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel	
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry – CYF Wing	
10:30AM-12:00PM	Youth-Led Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms - Common Grounds	
10:45-11:45AM	National Health Care Decision Day – Upper Lounge	
12:30-5:15PM	Badger Women's Chorus Rehearsal & 4:00PM Concert – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>	
4:15-5:15PM	Lenten Yoga – Scripture Tent	
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>	
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds	
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge	

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Kindergarten and first graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month and may go to childcare the 2nd-5th Sundays of each month. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

~ The flowers are in celebration of Cheryl & Ron Reissmann's 56th Wedding Anniversary. ~

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!

Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on <u>Facebook: FCUCCAppleton</u> or <u>Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton</u>.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing <u>opendoor@uccappleton.org</u> or calling the office.

References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

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We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – Childcare Room
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Fifth Sunday in Lent - Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry: Chat in Chapel – Chapel
9:45-10:30AM	MS Bible Study – MS Youth Room
10:30-11:00AM	Kwik Trip Fundraising – Narthex
10:45-11:45AM	Confirmation Class – HS Youth Room
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms - Common Grounds
4:15-5:15AM	Lenten Yoga – <i>River Room</i>
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary
5:15-6:30PM	Young Family Listening Session - Upper Lounge, Chapel, Library
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY		
Downstairs		
Little Angel's Room		
Preschoolers		

K - 5th graders will return to partake in Communion with their families.

We are "The Church of the Open Door," a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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