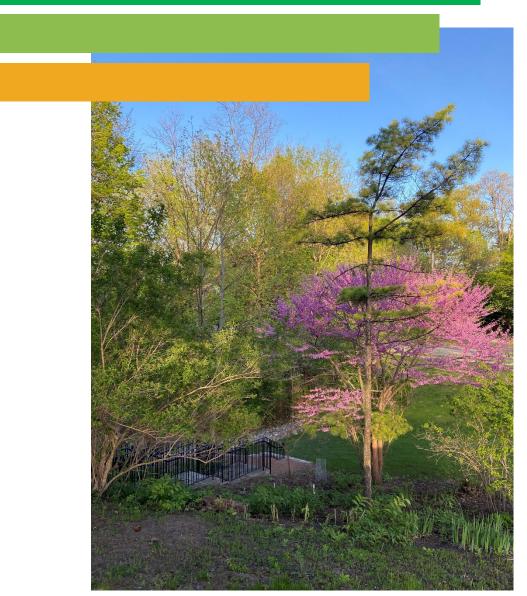
First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 12, 2024





TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – Childcare Room
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship w/Joyful Noise - Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry – CYF Wing
10:45-11:45AM	Small Group for Parents – HS Youth Room
4:30-5:30PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge

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 Chapel, Upper Lounge, or Narthex. The Nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

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. 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 free. All are welcome to join us!

Donating to First Congregational UCC, Appleton: We have many convenient ways to donate. Giving envelopes are in the pews and may be put in the offering plates, checks can be mailed to the church, you can visit our webpage and click "<u>Give</u>," or you can text FCUCC GIVE to 73256. **Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.*

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox and **donated through the** *Claire Langstadt Gehin Trust Fund in honor of Mother's Day.*

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</u> <u>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. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2024 9:30AM Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Major Work with Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra ~ Mother's Day ~ Joyful Noise Offering

PRELUDE

Adagio (E Minor) from Toccata in G Major, BWV 916J.S. Bach (*1685-1750)Sonata in E Major, K. 380Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)*George Frideric Handel, J.S. Bach, and Domenico Scarlatti were all born in the same year.
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, piano

WELCOME

*Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends in Christ, this is the day -All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Let us rejoice, and be glad in in! All: We come to hear the gospel proclaimed in song.

One: We come to remember the story of God's relentless love. All: We come to be transformed by grace.

One: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN (see bulletin page 7 & 8)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	
1: All in unison	4. Men and low voices
2: All in harmony	5. All in unison
3: Women and treble voices	

A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

(This month's A Joyful Noise Offering will be for "Summer Send Off Bags" for our CYF learning to continue throughout the summer.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hyfrydol

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA MAJOR WORK

MESSIAH (Selections from Parts II & III)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Sanctuary Choir, LU Music Scholar Soloists, Orchestra

No. 22 – Behold the Lamb of God – Chorus Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

No. 24 – Surely He Hath Borne – Chorus Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

No. 25 – And With His Stripes We Are Healed – Chorus And with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

No. 26 - All We Like Sheep - Chorus

All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI #36

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

No. 31 - He Was Cut Off - Recitative

Benjamin Keating, tenor

He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of thy people was he stricken. (Isaiah 53:8)

No. 32 – But Thou Didst Not Leave – Aria

Tanvi Thatai, soprano

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption. (Psalm 16:10)

No. 33 - Lift Up Your Heads - Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. (Psalm 24:7-9)

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.)

No. 38 - How Beautiful Are the Feet - Aria

Casey Kollman, soprano

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things. (Roman 10:15)

*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

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.** One: 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.

No. 40 – *Why Do the Nations Rage* – Aria Daniel Boyd, *baritone*

Why do the nations so furiously rage together? Why do the people imagine a vain thing? The Kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and His Anointed. (Psalm 2:1-2)

No. 46 - Since By Man Came Death - Chorus

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

No. 47 - Behold I Tell You - Recitative

Daniel Boyd, baritone Behold I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

No. 48 – *The Trumpet Shall Sound* – Aria Daniel Boyd, *baritone*

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:52-53)

No. 49 - Then Shall Be Brought to Pass - Recitative

Sam Dill, alto

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Corinthians 15:54)

No. 50 – O Death Where Is Thy Sting – Duet Sam Dill, alto Preston Parker, tenor O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin: and the strength of

sin is the law. (1 Corinthians 15:55-56)

No. 51 – But Thanks Be to God – Chorus But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN #110

Jesus Shall Reign 1, 2, & 5

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

DUKE STREET

J. S. Bach

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey Pastor Dianne Droster Dr. Nathan Birkholz, organ Sanctuary Choir LU Music Scholar Soloists Orchestra John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries

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WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

COME ONE, COME ALL! JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT 9:30AM!

Pentecost Sunday

Thanking Our Volunteers - Yes, that is YOU! If you volunteered to teach our youngest, lead a book study for our seniors, serve meals, organize a presentation, etc., at *anytime during our 23/24 program year*, please rise when Pastor Katherine asks our programming volunteers to stand. All of the wonderful offerings FCUCC has are only possible thanks to volunteers. Whether you gave 30 minutes or 30 Sundays of your time, WE ALL THANK YOU!

Honoring Our Graduates and Scholars - Graduates sign up on this link <u>Honoring Our</u> <u>Graduates Sign Up</u> to let us know you will be there!

Welcoming New Members - Join us as we welcome our newest members to FCUCC!

Celebrating with a Pentecost Picnic - After worship join our End of Year Celebration/Pentecost Picnic and Graduation Cake!

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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Joys and Concerns of C	Dur 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: 920-733-7393		
In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.		
Sue Ahrens	Kathy Lannoye	
David Andrus & Family	Nancy Kandler	
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Helen McKean's daughter, Larri Jacquart	
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya	
Don Brittnacher	Gretchen Revie	
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober	Larry Schiedermayer	
Rev. Ralph Di Biasio-Snyder	Frank and Pat Severin	
Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie	
David Galow	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries	
Ken Geiger	Kinsley Tarr	
Margaret Hankwitz	Gloria Tate	
Judy Hanson	Jack Thiel	
JoAnn Helms	Peter Thiel	
Shirley Hoft	James Totzke	
Sandi Hurm	Those living with mental unwellness.	
Joan Jensen and her family as they grieve the	Wilma Wydeven	
passing of her son, John	The family of Sharon Younger as they	
Jean Jepson	grieve her passing into eternal life.	
Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.		
Thank	you!	

Soprano

Dana Abbo* Kristy Albrecht *Cheryl Benzschawel*+ Isabella Cerdan* Joni Conrad Emma Eggen Kelly Gingerich Kris Glenn Heather Hallett Jill Hoover Elizabeth Keggi Gale Korth Jennifer Kosloski Elaine Lewellyn Tanvi Thatai*

Sanctuary Choir 2023-2024 <u>Alto</u> Marilyn Askari Marlessa Benson

Marlessa Benson Ellen Darcourt Sam Dill* Cheryl Foster Pat Hansen Tami Johnson Casey Kollman* Karen Leigh-Post Elizabeth Melchert Shelley Nulton Nancy Stanelle Ann Stein Beth Vercouteren Phyllis Zeiss

Tenor

Evan Carlson* David Cook Paul Eggen Ben Keating* Preston Parker* Adam Piepenburg *Roger Spindler*+ Bernie Wydeven

Bass

Curtis Anderson* Daniel Boyd* Daryl Brown Max De May Phil Gabrielson Terry Gottfried Steve Hirby Joel Jicha Bill Lenz Joel Schlabach Skip Wilson

*LU Music Scholars + In Memoriam

Orchestra

Violin I	Emily Dupere <i>concertmaster</i> , with Alicia Mose and Gabe Roethle
Violin II	Sarah Koenigs and Kara McCanna
Viola	Matthew Michelic and Laura Vandenberg
Cello	Mark Dupere and Annika Schmidt
Bass	Mark Urness
Oboe I	Jennifer Bryan
Oboe II	Leslie Michelic
Bassoon	Brigit Fitzgerald
Trumpet	John Daniel
Organ and Harpsichord	Nathan Birkholz

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY		
Upstairs, to the left	Upstairs, to the right	Downstairs
Childcare Room	Nursery	Little Angel's Room
Infants & Toddlers	K/1st Graders	Preschoolers
Theater	Art Kitchen	Science Room
2nd/3rd Graders		4th/5th Graders
Scripture Tent		Middle School Room

USHER TEAMS & AUDIO & VIDEO

MAY USHERS: **TEAM 3**: Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Kevin Coenen, Tonya Dedering, Cathy Paynter, Ryan St. Clair, Bruce Valk, Anne Sheridan and **TEAM 6**: Jeff Schang, Annette Boller, Mike Spurlock, John Schultz, Kris Henke, Liz Dettwiler, Leigh Grube, Karen Gosse

JUNE USHERS: TEAM 1 & 5

AUDIO & VIDEO: Tim Hanna, Shannon Glenn, Matt Feuerhelm

<u>Ushers Needed</u>: Help us become a more welcoming Christian community by serving as a Sunday morning usher! Ushers are key participants in our worship services. They offer greetings to all who enter the Sanctuary, hand out bulletins, gather prayer cards, collect the offering, and foster a safe environment. Interested volunteers will join an existing Usher Team and help as you are able. Currently a single Usher Team serves for one or two months during the spring, fall and/or winter. If you wish to participate or have questions you are encouraged to call the church office at 920-733-7393 or send an email to info@uccappleton.org.

		SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY
"Pure Pentecost" Pas		stor Katherine Willis Pershey Acts 2:1-41
Ν	Iusicians: Dr. Na	athan Birkholz, organ; Sanctuary Choir
		ON THE CALENDAR
Thursday, May 16	9:00-10:00AM	Meet the Pastors: Faith & Fellowship with Pastor
		Katherine (sign up required-see article page 11)
Sunday, May 19	9:30AM	Honoring and thanking our graduates, volunteers,
		scholars, and new members in worship
	10:30AM	End of Year Celebration/Pentecost Picnic!
Sunday, June 30	10:30-11:30AM	Approve 6-month Budget
Monday, July 8		
-Friday, July 12	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School (times approx.)
Tuesday, July 16		Youth Trip to Great Lakes Regional Youth Event, Rock
-Saturday, July 20		Island, IL
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The Open Door Announcements

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



<u>EF2 Pans Drop off today, Sunday, May 12.</u> Please contact Cindi MacSwain cmacswain@new.rr.com with questions or concerns.

Faith & Fellowship with Pastor Katherine: Come join us for a time of fellowship with Pastor Katherine and fellow members and friends of our congregation in the Upper Lounge! This fellowship event will occur on Thursday, **May 16**, with a maximum of 12



participants. We will schedule more opportunities to gather soon. You can sign up by clicking <u>here</u> or scanning the QR code. We hope to see you there! Pastor Katherine's email is <u>kwpershey@uccappleton.org</u>. If you are unable to attend one of the fellowship events scheduled so far, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Katherine to introduce yourself!

Quarterly Congregational Meetings: As a Congregational Church we need regular, set meetings that allow for input and to keep important decision making in the hands of the membership of First Congregational. To help with this, church leaders have adopted a quarterly meeting schedule, so we all know when our meetings are and what important content is in them. Remember, Congregational meeting agendas are created by the Church Moderator in collaboration with staff and council. We hope you can be in attendance to participate in the important mission, vision, and financial tasks that give direction and life to our church community!

June 30, 2024: Approve 6-month budget
September 15, 2024: Project Isaiah update
December 8, 2024: Elect new council members & present budget for approval/ Project Isaiah update (after worship)
March 2, 2025: Present Annual Report/Project Isaiah update
June 8, 2025: Project Isaiah update <u>Save the Date for Service Sunday!</u> Service Sunday will return this year on Sunday, June 2. Plan to stay after a short worship service and choose from options for either indoor or outdoor projects, with a light lunch to follow. More details to come next week.

<u>**Church Library**</u>: Each month in 2024 the library will focus on a theme and display books related to the theme. In May our theme will be Mental Health Awareness Month. Please check the display – you may find something worth reading.

Grounds Care Volunteers Needed: Interested in gardening and plant care or helping to maintain the church grounds? First Congregational is blessed with a wonderful property. It includes 3 gardens: the Labyrinth Garden, the Memorial Garden, and the Hillside Garden. In addition, we have the ravine area which also has the potential to be a very beautiful space. We are seeking volunteers who might be interested in forming a garden club to help with maintenance tasks associated with the upkeep and improvement of these spaces. Some of the activities might include: a short meeting (with a beverage and snack) with a discussion of garden topics, or out on the grounds activities including: weeding, addition of new plantings, watering, mulching, applying deer and rabbit repellant, etc. Anticipate meeting at least twice a month during the summer months. Time of meetings would be based on volunteer availability. Interested? Contact Wayne Lannoye via Realm email or in person.

<u>Craft Circle Update</u>: The Saturday morning Craft Circle is on hiatus until the fall. Join us again Saturday, September 7.



<u>Reminder</u>: Kwik Trip cards (to support the 2024 Youth Trip) are available for purchase on the first Sunday of the month (next date June 2) after worship in the narthex, and ALWAYS available for purchase in the church office during office hours.



-Come play games with our youth, your family, your friends, or new friends! -We'll have lots of "classic" board games and card games available to choose from. -You're welcome to bring your own game that is well-known or easy to learn! Intergenerational Game Night at FCUCC 6:00-7:30PM Wednesday, May 15 Hot Dog Dinner, Board Games & Cards

RSVP by 8AM on Wednesday, May 15 by emailing swilterdink@appletonucc.org or

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 13	
1:00-2:30PM	Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds
6:00-7:30PM	Mental Health Task Force – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
6:30-8:30PM	Fox Valley Flute Choir – Sanctuary
6:30-8:30PM	Prayer Shawl – Common Grounds
<u>Tuesday, May 14</u>	
9:00-10:00AM	Strong Bodies – Fellowship Hall
11:00AM-12:00PM	Staff Meeting – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
1:00-2:30PM	HR Committee Meeting – Upper Lounge
1:30-3:00PM	Racial Equity Meeting- Wanda's Zoom
2:00-3:00PM	Endowment Trust Meeting - Common Grounds
6:00-8:00PM	Wild Women of First Congregational - Stone Arch Brewpub
6:30-8:00PM	Isaiah Project Meeting – Project Isaiah Room
6:30-7:30PM	Living Sober AA – Common Grounds
7:00-8:00PM	Technology Committee Meeting – Ken's Zoom
7:45-8:45PM	Fireside AA – Common Grounds
Wednesday, May 15	
10:00-11:00AM	Adult Ed – Upper Lounge
12:15-1:00PM	Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – Upper Lounge
2:00-3:00PM	Peabody/Heritage Worship – Chapel at Peabody
5:30-8:30PM	Childcare – Childcare Room
6:00-7:00PM	Intergenerational Dinner & Game Night - Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
7:00-8:30PM	Sanctuary Choir – Sanctuary, Choir Room
<u>Thursday, May 16</u>	
9:00-10:00AM	Meet the Pastors (sign up required) - Upper Lounge
9:00-10:00PM	Strong Bodies – Fellowship Hall
11:00AM-12:30PM	Finance Committee Meeting – Upper Lounge
12:00-1:30PM	Theology Discussion Group – Chefo's Pancake House
12:00-1:00PM	AA Search for Serenity Group – Common Grounds
6:00-8:00PM	SOAR Fox Cities – Fellowship Hall
6:30-8:00PM	Family/Friends NAMI Mental Illness Support Group - Upper Lounge
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds
<u>Friday, May 17</u>	
7:00-8:00PM	Al–Anon – <i>Upper Lounge</i>
7:00-8:30PM	N.A – Common Grounds
Saturday, May 18	
12:00-3:00PM	Music for Food Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00-8:00PM	Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds
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<u>Sunday, May 19</u>	
9:25AM-12:00PM	Childcare – Childcare Room
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship – Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge
9:30-10:30AM	Children's Ministry – CYF Wing
10:30-11:30AM	Churchwide Pentecost Picnic & Graduates Celebration - Fellowship Hall
10:30-11:30AM	Herbst Family Meeting - Upper Lounge
10:30AM-12:00PM	Isaiah Project Meeting – Isaiah Project Room
10:45-11:45AM	Small Group for Parents – HS Youth Room
4:30-5:30 PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary
6:00-7:00PM	Music for Food Concert – Sanctuary
7:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds
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Land Covenant

The land now occupied by Appleton, Wisconsin and surrounding areas - including the current site of First Congregational UCC - was the home, hunting, gathering, and farming land of the First Peoples of this territory: the Ho Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation.

Other tribes were forcibly re-located to this region by the actions of colonialism. Despite centuries of reprehensible treatment, the peoples of these sovereign nations are robust and enduring among us.

We are truly saddened by the genocide of their ancestors, the seizure of their lands, and the repression of their cultures and languages. We acknowledge that we benefit from the economic and social legacy left by settler colonialism.



We are grateful that many members of these original Nations have honorably served and defended the United States. We strive to honor their cultures and their insightful stewardship of this land and all creatures on it, recognizing our common interest in protecting its air, water, soil, and web of life for all future generations.

We commit ourselves through study and immersion experiences to learn the history and cultures of these peoples and their traditional knowledge.

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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