

First Congregational United Church of Christ

May 11, 2025

*The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.*



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## About today's music. . .

Will Todd (b. 1970) is a UK-based performer and composer whose music spans a variety of styles and genres. Best known for his choral works, he has worked closely with choirs such as The Sixteen and Tenebrae, and his 2003 jazz mass setting *Mass in Blue* has been performed extensively by choirs in the UK, Europe and the USA. You may recall our local NEWVoices Choir performing the work with Janet Planet as soloist.

A *Missa Brevis* is simply an abbreviated setting of the *Mass Ordinary* that can take many forms. In today's case, the *Credo* movement is omitted – especially appropriate for us in the U.C.C. as a non-creedal church. This entire mass setting is less the 15 minutes in duration. Premiered in 2015, the ***Jazz Missa Brevis*** embraces a variety of jazz styles, from the swinging jazz waltz *Kyrie* to the up-beat Latin-groove *Gloria*. The smooth jazz ballad *Sanctus*, rollicking 7/8 *Benedictus* and the soulful *Agnus Dei* complete this setting.

Our prayer is that you will celebrate and enjoy our Christian story through this musical lens of contemporary jazz.

Thank you for joining us in worship!



John Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 11, 2025

9:30AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ *Jazz Missa Brevis* with Sanctuary Choir and Jazz Ensemble  
Mother's Day ~ Joyful Noise Offering

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## PRELUDE

*Variations on Shepherd songs*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *piano*

## CALL TO SILENCE & RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our shepherd;

**All: we lack nothing.**

One: Though we may walk through the darkest valley,

**All: we fear no evil; for God is with us.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

**One: and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

All: Let us worship God!

### \*OPENING HYMN #54

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the Children's Message, the Prayer Request and Connection Cards will be collected.  
After the Children's Message, the children will follow their teachers to the CYF building.)

## A JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

*This month's A Joyful Noise Offering benefits VBS Outdoor Fun.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

LouAnn Graf

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

## HOMILY "Good Verbs"

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey

# CHORAL WORK

*Jazz Missa Brevis*

Will Todd (b. 1970)

## Sanctuary Choir with Jazz Ensemble

### I. Kyrie

*Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison*

*Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy*

### II. Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.*

*Glory to God in the highest.  
And on earth peace  
to all those of good will.  
We praise thee. We bless thee.  
We worship thee. We glorify thee.  
We give thanks to thee  
according to thy great glory.  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.  
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.  
Thou who takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou who takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou alone art holy.  
Thou alone art the Lord.  
Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.  
With the Holy Spirit  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### III. Sanctus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full  
of thy glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.*

#### IV. Benedictus

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

#### V. Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God,  
who takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.*

#### 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

*Norwich (Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth)*

Setting by Sherri Hansen

##### \*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.

#### CHORAL LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father from Jazz Mass*

Sanctuary Choir

Ike Sturm (b. 1978)

##### \*CLOSING HYMN #87

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Dix (For the Beauty of the Earth)*

Setting by Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

### THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, *Co-Pastor*

Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, *Co-Pastor*

LouAnn Graf, *Lay Reader*

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, *Organist*

Sanctuary Choir

Jazz Ensemble: John Daniel and Paul Dietrich, *trumpets*; Neji Khang, *alto saxophone*;

Nathan Birkholz, *piano*; Mark Urness, *bass*; Zach Harmon, *drums*

John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

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### Sanctuary Choir 2024-2025

#### Soprano

Kristy Albrecht

Isabella Cerdan\*

Barb Christie

Joni Conrad

Emma Eggen

Kelly Gingerich

Kris Glenn

Heather Hallett

Elizabeth Keggi

Gale Korth

Jennifer Kosloski

Tanvi Thatai\*

Greta Wright\*

#### Alto

Marilyn Askari

Marlessa Benson

Ellen Darcourt

Sam Dill\*

Cheryl Foster

Pat Hansen

Tami Johnson

Karen Leigh-Post

Elaine Lewellyn

Elizabeth Melchert

Shelley Nulton

Nancy Stanelle

Ann Stein

Ave Van Til\*

Beth Vercouteren

Phyllis Zeiss

#### Tenor

Evan Carlson\*

David Cook

Paul Eggen

Ben Keating\*

Preston Parker\*

Adam Piepenburg

Bernie Wydeven

#### Bass

Curtis Anderson\*

Daryl Brown

Phil Gabrielson

Kellan Glenn\*

Terry Gottfried

Steve Hirby

Joel Jicha

Bill Lenz

Joel Schlabach

Skip Wilson

\*LU Music Scholars

<b>USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO</b>
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MAY USHERS: **Team 1:** Dennis Korth, Gale Korth, Kim Hanson, Dale Hanson, Steve Hermsen, Tom Tatlock, Jim Thaldorf, Carol Valeri, Sue Wisneski, Logan LaViolette, Luke LaViolette and **Team 3:** Mark Shropshire, JoAnn Shropshire, Kevin Gentile, Susan Houston, Ryan St. Clair, Ryan Smith, Chris Calhoun, Bruce Valk  
 AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Sue Forsythe, Rod Reynolds, Matt Feuerhelm

<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY</b>
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Fifth Sunday of Easter; Confirmation Sunday; Picnic Sunday;  
 Baptism Sunday; Graduate Recognition                      Pastor Nick Hatch  
 Music: Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, Ellie Lutterman, *violin*                      John 13:31-35

<b>ON THE CALENDAR</b>
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June 1	Service Sunday	
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

<b>WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)</b>
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## 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.**

All people who being deprived by the freezing of federal funds that provided money for food, housing, medical care and research; and for all people who are out of work, those who used to work for the government and for other employers.	Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer
Amanda, who has terminal cancer	Jean Jepson
Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew	Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube
Valerie Bales	Jim Kriner
Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara	Mary Jo Laabs
Don Brittnacher	Kathy Lannoye
Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve	Tim Ligon
Reinkober	Helen McKean and family of the death of her daughter
Karen Craddock	Elizabeth McNally
Debra, upon the death of her son Joshua	Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with cancer
Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile	Dean Ostrander
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
Colton Heimlich	Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie
JoAnn Helms	Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries
Shirley Hoft	Kinsley Tarr
Misty Hofman	Gloria Tate
Sandi Hurm	Jack Thiel
	Peter Thiel
	James Totzke
	Those living with mental unwellness
	Dave White

Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.  
 Thank you!



## **The Open Door Announcements**

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

**The ESTHER/First Congregational Mental Health Task Force** is hosting coffee today, **May 11**, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May. NAMI will be at church selling their “Be Kind” t-shirts. Please stop and check out the variety of colors and styles. ESTHER will also have a table to highlight their social justice activities.

**Save the Date for Service Sunday!** Service Sunday returns this year on **June 1**. Plan to stay after a shortened worship service and choose from options for either indoor or outdoor projects that care for our church or are a community service. A light lunch follows. Most projects are intergenerational with childcare for the little ones. New this year will be the addition of a Repair Fair. More details to come next week!

**Thrivent Action Grant:** If you have any type of Thrivent policy or account, you have an annual Action Grant for community service. If you have not used yours this year, you could use it to help with a Service Sunday or Mission Partner project. For questions, contact Nancy Brown-Koeller, nbkappleton@gmail.com.

**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. Some of the grounds activities include: weeding, addition of new plantings, watering, mulching, applying deer and rabbit repellent, etc. Interested? Contact Wayne Lannoye via Realm, email, or in person.

**Join Wednesday Prayer Chapel!** Need a mid-week faith boost? Want to connect with other church members and see different locations of our church’s property? Wednesdays at 12:00PM, join Pastor Nick on Facebook Live for Prayer Chapel, held weekly and live streamed from the church for around 20 minutes. Gather to enjoy spoken prayer, devotions, music, and an opportunity to share your prayer concerns with our online community. We look forward to seeing you for this personal mid-week touchpoint.

**Economic Justice Work Group calls your attention to the PIT:** The “Point in Time” count, mandated by Housing and Urban Development, is a count of people experiencing homelessness that takes place twice a year on a night in January and a second night in July. This valuable information determines government funding and helps communities assess needs and work toward solving homelessness. Volunteers (like you!) are needed to conduct the July 23 count. Find more information and a sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA9A62BA4FACF8-56448962-july#/>

**Book Discussion: *Thou Art That*, by Joseph Campbell:** On May 15, First Congregational's Theology Discussion Group will begin discussing its next book, *Thou Art That*, by Joseph Campbell (2001, 192 pp). Best known for his comparative work in world mythology, in this collection of previously unpublished essays and lectures, Campbell delves into the Judeo-Christian tradition. Emphasizing the metaphorical (rather than literal-historical) meanings of key Judeo-Christian themes, he offers fresh interpretations informed by his extensive knowledge of world mythology. In this book, Campbell skillfully shows these metaphors to be pathways to deeper spiritual understanding and mystical insight. The essays range from rich storytelling to insightful comparative analysis, exhibiting Campbell's characteristic verve. If you enjoy reading and discussing good books on themes of religion, spirituality, justice, and growth in faith,



we invite you to join us on May 15 as Theo Group begins reading this new book together. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 12:00-1:30PM, with some participants gathering on-site at Holidays Pub and Grill in Appleton and others participating online through Zoom. For more information about Theo Group, scan this QR code, visit [theology-discussion-group](https://www.theology-discussion-group.com) or contact Steve Hirby on Realm or through the church office.

**Library News:** The theme for May is Mental Health. Come check out the selection of books. Here are a couple: *Emotional First Aid* by Guy Winch and *Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family and Church* by Sarah Griffith Lund.

**Please Help ESTHER Give Away Books at Juneteenth:** ESTHER's Juneteenth book give-away has been so successful in the past; we want to celebrate reading again. We're asking you to share in this effort by purchasing a book or two by authors of color from black-owned bookstores with stories about black people. Also, gently used books are appreciated. You can drop them off at First Congregational UCC, 724 E South River Street, Appleton, 9:00AM-3:00PM weekdays, **before June 7**. (Book drop box in the narthex.) Then come to Juneteenth at Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W. Lawrence, Appleton on **Saturday, June 7, 1:00-4:00PM**, to celebrate with our friends and neighbors. No reservations are needed. No admission charge (food available for purchase.)

Some Black-owned bookstores in Wisconsin:

NICHE BOOK BAR - <https://www.findyournichemke.com>

ROOTED MKE - <https://www.rootedmke.com>

Other Black-owned bookstores: <https://aalbc.com/bookstores/list.php>

**A List of Over 200 Black-Owned Bookstores in the United States**

## The Isaiah Corner



***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.***

**Grace Trail:** On Monday, **May 19**, the Isaiah Project Grounds Task Force will have a Zoom chat with the founder of the GRACE Trail® project, Anne Jolles. A Grace Trail can be incorporated into any walking trail by adding five stops with questions for personal reflection or group discussion, starting with "What am I Grateful for?" The Grounds team walked the Grace Trail at Navarino Nature Center this past October and is thinking of developing one on our campus. Anyone is welcome to attend the conversation with Anne in the chapel on the 19th at 5:30PM or via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/GraceFCUCC>



**Stretch Your Limits - Chair Yoga Classes:** Are you looking for a gentle way to improve your physical and mental well-being? We invite both men and women to join our chair yoga classes here at church! Tuesdays, May 13 and 20, 5:00-6:00PM at First Congregational UCC. Fee of \$12/class, max 25 students/class. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office: [info@uccappleton.org](mailto:info@uccappleton.org) or 920.733.7393. Presented by ESTHER/First Congregational Mental Health Task Force.

**NOAHH Requests:** A bike, a full-size mattress, and a table with 6 chairs. 38 families have been helped so far this year – thank you for your donations! Contact Barb Mincheff, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Outagamie County Health & Human Services, for pick up/drop off, 920-832-5515.

## **Submitting items for Weekly Church Emails/Social Media/Website Announcements / Sunday Bulletin Open Door Announcements**

1. The hub of communication will be our **website**.
2. **Weekly Emails** will be sent out Tuesdays and on Fridays.
  - a. The mid-week Emails will be sent out late in the day on Tuesdays to provide updates about activities occurring in the church the remainder of the week.
  - b. The Friday Emails will provide the virtual version of the coming Sunday's "Open Door," which includes the **weekly bulletin** along with its attached announcements.
3. Look for us on **social media**.

Articles/items submitted for **Weekly Church Emails/Social Media/Website Announcements** should be 100 words or less and can also include pictures and clipart and links for people to "learn more."

Articles submitted for the **Sunday Bulletin's The Open Door Announcements** are limited to 2 Sundays per month and are subject to editing for clarity and/or space available.

Deadline for submitting articles for any announcement is 4:00PM on Tuesday.

Submit articles, questions, or ideas to [opendoor@uccapleton.org](mailto:opendoor@uccapleton.org).

### **Guidelines for Worship Service Announcements**

- Requests for announcements must come to both pastors a week in advance (not the week or day of the service). These must be submitted in writing and less than 100 words; these are brief announcements!
- We have a maximum of three announcements per week, first-come, first-served at the discretion of the pastors. Multi week announcements are discouraged.
- Generally, the pastor leading the worship service that week makes the announcement themselves. Exceptions are made.
- If the pastor cannot fit this request into worship, it will go into the bulletin, and the one making the request notified as time allows.
- Mission Moments are also available on a limited basis. These are longer and highlight critical needs or commitments for our faith community.

## **This Week's Schedule**

### Monday, May 12

1:00-2:30PM Prayer Shawl – *Common Grounds*  
6:30-8:30PM Prayer Shawl – *Common Grounds*  
6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, May 13

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*  
1:30-3:00PM Racial Equity – *by Zoom*  
2:30-3:30PM Endowment Meeting – *Upper Lounge*  
4:00-5:00PM Chair Yoga Class – *Fellowship Hall*  
6:00-8:00PM Wild Women of First Congregational @ *Stone Arch Brewpub, Appleton*  
6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – *Common Grounds*  
7:00-8:00PM Technology Committee – *by Zoom*  
7:00-8:30PM Scout Troop 67 – *Fellowship Hall*  
7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

### Wednesday, May 14

9:30AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Meeting – *Isaiah Project Room*  
12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel – *on Facebook Live*  
12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*  
1:30-3:00PM Capital Campaign Team Meeting – *Fellowship Hall*  
5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*  
6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group Party – *MS Youth Room*  
6:30-8:30PM Confirmation Rehearsal and Celebration – *Chapel, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall*  
7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

### Thursday, May 15

9:00-10:00AM Strong Bodies – *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30-10:30AM Adult Education Meeting – *Chapel*  
11:00AM-12:00PM Finance Committee Meeting – *Upper Lounge*  
12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – *Common Grounds*  
12:00-1:30PM Theology Discussion Group @ *Holidays Pub & Grill, Appleton*  
2:00-4:00PM Congregational Life & Outreach Ministry Joint Meeting – *Upper Lounge*  
6:30-7:30PM Community Partnership – *Isaiah Project Room*  
6:30-8:00PM Family/Friends NAMI Mental Illness Support Group – *River Room*  
7:00-8:00PM Grief Group – *Chapel*  
7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*



Friday, May 16

10:00-11:30AM

7:00-8:00PM

7:00-8:30PM

Saturday, May 17

7:00-8:00PM

Sunday, May 18

9:25AM-12:00PM

9:30-10:30AM

9:30-10:30AM

10:30-11:30AM

10:30AM-12:00PM

10:45-11:45AM

5:00-6:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

7:00-8:00PM

Bulletin Folders – *Library*

Al-Anon – *Upper Lounge*

N.A – *Common Grounds*

Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Childcare – *Childcare Room*

Sunday Worship/Confirmation Sunday/Graduates

Recognition/Baptism Sunday/Picnic Sunday – *Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel*

Children's Ministry – *CYF Wing*

Re-Member – *Chapel*

Family Day: Churchwide Picnic

Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – *Common Grounds*

LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – *Choir Room, Sanctuary*

First Things First AA Meeting – *Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds*

AL ANON – *Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge*

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JULY 7 - 10 | 9:00AM - 12:00PM  
OR...  
AUGUST 25 - 28 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

AS LONG AS WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL RUN  
TWO 4-DAY SESSIONS OF VBS.

MOST ACTIVITIES WILL BE REPEATED SO EACH CHILD CAN  
ATTEND ONE WEEK.

WITH THIS BEING THE CASE...  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL FOR SO MANY AMAZINGLY  
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS LAST YEAR!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP THIS  
YEAR, FOR ONE DAY, FOUR, OR EIGHT!

SWILTERDINK@UCCAPPLETON.ORG  
920.540.2576

*Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.*

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

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**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. 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 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!



**Nursing and Nurturing Room:** The Common Grounds Room is reserved on Sundays from 9:30-10:30AM as a space where moms can find quiet and privacy if needed.

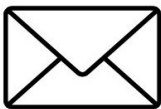
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**Open Door Announcements** can be shared by emailing [opendoor@uccappleton.org](mailto:opendoor@uccappleton.org) or calling the office.

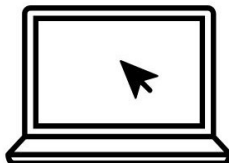
**References to God** in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

**Sunday School:** Our PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

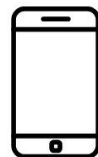
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Visit our website at [uccappleton.org](http://uccappleton.org) and click "Give Now" for a one time gift or to sign up for automatic giving



Text FCUCC GIVE to 73256

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Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256  
for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

*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 – <i>Childcare Room</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Sunday Worship/Joyful Noise – <i>Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel</i>
9:30-10:30AM	Children’s Ministry – <i>CYF Wing</i>
9:45-10:30AM	MS Bible Study – <i>MS Youth Room</i>
10:30-11:30AM	Children’s Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>
10:45-11:45AM	Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – <i>Common Grounds</i>
5:00-6:00PM	LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room, Sanctuary</i>
6:00-7:45PM	Private Meeting – <i>HS Youth Room</i>
6:00-8:00PM	First Things First AA Meeting – <i>Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds</i>
7:00-8:00PM	AL ANON – <i>Chapel / Alateen – Upper Lounge</i>

### **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY LOCATIONS FOR TODAY**

Upstairs, to the left	Upstairs, to the right	Downstairs
<b>Childcare Room</b> Infants & Toddlers	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Little Angel’s Room</b> Preschoolers
<b>Theater</b>	<b>Art Kitchen</b> 2nd/3rd Graders	<b>Science Room</b> 4th/5th Graders
<b>Scripture Tent</b> K/1st Graders		<b>Middle School Room</b>

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