



**~ Welcome Visitors! ~**

**Guide to the bulletin:** An asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

**Children:** Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. Following the Message for All children are invited to participate in Exploring Faith (Sunday School)—though they are still welcome in worship. If the youth in your family would like to stay in worship, there are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do. If you want to have your younger children (ages 0-4) taken care of during the service, we have a nursery available at 9:30 am.

## **Our Earth, "On Sacred Ground"**

As we gather here today, as a faith community in many different locations on this beautiful sacred ground on which our church building sits, we acknowledge that the land we occupy is the sacred ancestral homeland of the Ho Chunk Nation and the 11 Tribes of Wisconsin.

In gratitude, we honor this land and the untold generations of its indigenous caretakers. Because of their stewardship, the rivers ran clean, the air was pure, the trees and the land thrived. As we celebrate God's abundance, may we in turn listen to the possibilities the seeds we are planting have to teach us. We invite you all, as you go forward in your life's journey, to protect the water, air, and land. To learn and honor the rich history, of native cultures ancient wisdom, the diversity of thought, and the call for an interconnected future.

"We Do Not Inherit the Land from Our Ancestors, We Borrow It from Our Children." *Chief Seattle*

Memorial UCC's land acknowledgement written by Art Shegonee and presented on April 23, 2023.

### **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

*Simple Gifts*

John Carter

**Welcome and Community Connections**

**Introit**

*We Are Called*

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146)<sup>1</sup>**

One: From generation to generation, the Holy One has loved justice and righteousness, lifted the broken and bowed, and opened possibilities for the dejected.

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Trust the Holy One!**

One: When the power brokers, corrupt systems, and tools of violence have failed us, the Holy One has remained faithful to abiding love and abundant liberation.

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns**

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<sup>1</sup> UCC Worship Ways website

**forever. Follow the Holy One!**

One: Praise the Holy One with song and dance, in spirit and in truth, for God’s glory and for life abundantly!

**Many: Help, hope, and happiness are of the Holy One, who reigns forever. Praise the Holy One!**

**\*Invocation<sup>2</sup>**

**Living God, we offer you praise in your presence. We give you thanks for life in this community. Some come seeking. Others come assured. Some have questions. Others simply want company. Whatever our reasons for gathering, may they all lead us to an encounter with you, your grace, and your way. Infuse us with your power, forged in love, so that we might be encouraged and respond as agents of your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**     *When Love is Found, Watch*     NCH 362 begin with v5, 3 & 4

**HEARING THE WORD**

**First Bible Reading**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

**Special Music**

*The Dream Keeper*

Rollo Dilworth

**The Good News**

Mark 12:38-42

**Message for All**

Kaitlyn Young

**Reflection**

Pastor Peter

**SHARING OUR LIVES**

**Call to Prayer**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Medema

**Prayers of the People**

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-571-5870. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) and/or [pastorpeter@memorial.org](mailto:pastorpeter@memorial.org)*

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<sup>2</sup> UCC Worship Ways website

**Stewardship Moment**    News from Arbor Good Neighbor House  
Jill Carlson

**GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Song for Going Out**    *Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You*  
(in bulletin)

**\*Benediction**

**\* Postlude**    *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*    John Carter

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**Worship Leaders:** Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Jeff Darwin (Pianist), Pastor Peter Morris, and Pastor Kris Gorton

**Readers:** John Koeppel and John Dipko

**Ushers:** John Rosch and Lily Shapiro

**Media Room:** Bill Jetzer

**Youth Programming Leader:** Mo Foster

**Fellowship:** Chuck and Jan Gietzel

Memorial UCC uses photographs and video for social media communication with our members and friends. If someone does not wish to be photographed or in a video, ushers will help them find a seat out of camera view.

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**Hearing Loop and Listening Devices:** For those who have hearing aids, Memorial UCC has a t-coil compatible hearing loop. Listening devices are also available for people who are hard of hearing. See an usher if you need assistance.

**Bathrooms:** There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you



**Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities:** Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure, and you do not need a PayPal account to make

one-time or recurring donations. Visit [memorialucc.org](http://memorialucc.org) and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Cathy Halpin at [halpincjo@gmail.com](mailto:halpincjo@gmail.com), and she will get you signed up.

**Want to Know More About Us?** Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) or [pastorpeter@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorpeter@memorialucc.org). You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at [www.memorialucc.org](http://www.memorialucc.org). You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.

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### **MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY: Winter Clothing Drive**

Through Nov 24, IMAGINE IF... you or a loved one were being released from the Dane County jail on a frigid winter morning without appropriate winter clothing? As the weather turns colder, there again is an immediate dire need for winter coats and winter wear to provide for those who were booked into the Dane County jail during the summer months and now are or will be released in the cold of fall and winter.

The Request: If you have a gently used winter coat, hats, gloves, or boots you would like to donate to share the love of God with those less fortunate, the Dane County Jail Ministry is accepting donations for those being released from the Dane County Jail and are in immediate need for a winter jacket and winter clothing:

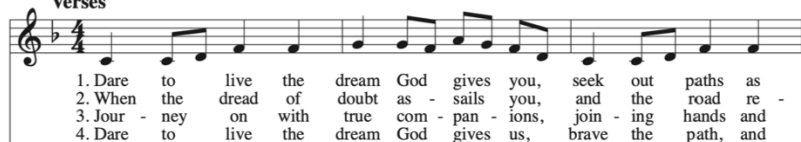
Winter Coats: Men's, Women's and unisex size L, XL, XXL, 3X, 4X

Men's and women's: pants and sweatshirts size medium to 2XL

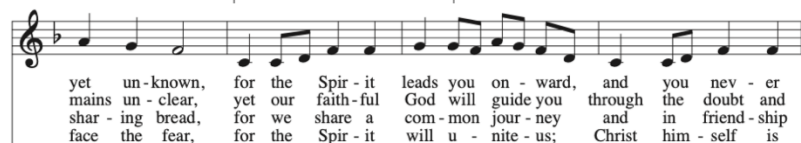
**The drive will end after service November 24**

# Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You

## Verses



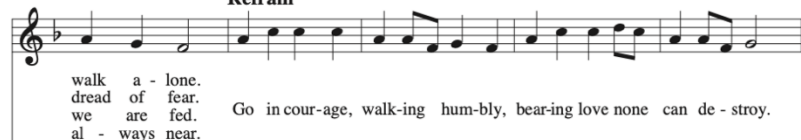
1. Dare to live the dream God gives you, seek out paths as  
2. When the dread of doubt as - sails you, and the road re -  
3. Jour - ney on with true com - pan - ions, join - ing hands and  
4. Dare to live the dream God gives us, brave the path, and



yet un - known, for the Spir - it leads you on - ward, and you nev - er  
mains un - clear, yet our faith - ful God will guide you through the doubt and  
shar - ing bread, for we share a com - mon jour - ney and in friend - ship  
face the fear, for the Spir - it will u - nite us; Christ him - self is



## Refrain



walk a - lone.  
dread of fear. Go in cour - age, walk - ing hum - bly, bear - ing love none can de - stroy.  
we are fed.  
al - ways near.



Do - ing jus - tice, lov - ing mer - cy, go with God, and go in joy.

