



"Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
- Matthew 6:21



~ **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. After the Message for All, children are invited to participate in Sunday School, sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground. 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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome and Community Connections

Introit

Jesus Calls Us

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

***Call to Worship¹**

One: The Spirit draws us to ourselves—

All: *She says yes to the space our bodies take up.*

One: She says yes to our dreams and soulful desires.

One: The Spirit invites us beyond ourselves—

All: *To connection with our flora and fauna kin,*

One: To plant our roots deep in the soil of community.

One: We gather today honoring the wisdom of Spirit which whispers through our bodies and through our relationships.

*** Opening Prayer**

**Gentle Comforter, where bad theology confronts our inner wisdom,
where capitalistic stories tie our value to what we can produce,
where beauty standards tell us we are not worthy—
undo it, undo it, undo it, Expansive God!**

**Lead us instead into your wide story of flourishing,
where our rest and inherent worth cover us like a blanket. Amen.**

***Hymn**

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

bulletin insert

HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9

Anthem

God so Loved the World

John Stainer

Gospel

Matthew 28:19-20

Message for All

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¹ Adapted from "Enfleshed," Liturgy that Matters, accessed Sept. 14, 2026, <https://enfleshed.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Feb18Subs.pdf>.

Prayer of Jesus

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.

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

Hear My Cry

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 608-438-6307. We 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 and/or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

Offering: Where Your Heart Is

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

All: Faithful Spirit, bless these offerings and our stories of persistence—Our learning and thriving, joys and mistakes, and the sometimes heroic efforts to takes to get us through the day. Bless our offerings to the Fierce Love that flows through us and beyond us, into the broader community. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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Readers: Merry Spangler and Ulrika Swanson

Usher: Jay Johnson

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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 or 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.

GATHER

33 There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

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$Fm7/Bb$ $A\flat add9$ $A\flat/E\flat$ $B\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat$

1. There's a

$E\flat$ $Dm7(\flat^9)$ $G7/B$ $E\flat^7sus/B\flat$ $E\flat^7$ $A\flat$ F/A

spir - it of love in this placè, there's a spir - it of love in this
pres - ence of peace in this room, there's the pres - ence of peace in this

$B\flat^7sus$ $B\flat$ Fm^{11} $E\flat/G$

place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as
room. In God's ten - der - ness is found peace that

F/A $G7/B$ Cm $Fm7/B\flat$ $A\flat add9$

pre - cious as the air. There's a spir - it of love in this
pass - es hu - man bounds. There's the pres - ence of peace in this

$A\flat/E\flat$ $B\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat$

1. place. 2. There's the room. O al - le -

$A\flat maj^9$ $Fm/A\flat$ $G^7sus(\flat^9)$ $G7(\flat^9)$ $G^7(\flat^9)/C$ Cm $Cm/B\flat$

- lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! We

F/A $G7/B$ $Cm add9$ Cm $B\flat m^7$ $E\flat^7$

bless your ho - ly name. O al - le -



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