



~ 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 ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** arr. David Angerman

Welcome and Community Connections

Blessing of New Covenant Partners

Ann-Britt Keillor, Michael Rosensteel, Kristi Tuescher and Tom Griffin

Barb Stransky, Council Member—To the congregation: We welcome all whom God sends into our midst. Do you, members and friends of Memorial United Church of Christ, promise to support these new members, and join with them in God's work in the world? If so respond with "Yes, with the help of God and the support of this community."

New Members and Friends: Yes, with the help of God and the support of this community.

Pastor Kris: Let us pray as we offer a blessing of welcome:

All: God of all, we give you thanks for this community of faith. As we welcome these new members, may your Holy Spirit pour out to us and remind us that we are one people in the body of Christ. As you sustained the early church with a bold proclamation and a community of care for those in need, we confidently live our daily lives in faith today and every day. We thank you for your promises of love, grace and mercy for all. Amen.

Hymn

God Is Truly with Us

NCH 68

Call to Worship

One: To Abraham and Sarah, God said, "Go...to the land that I will show you." Jesus said to his followers, "Go therefore and make disciples."

Many: God's "go" extends to all of God's people, inviting us to love and service, propelling us on our journey of faith.

One: Accompanying God's "go" is God's covenant promise to remain present with us...

Many:...even to the end of the age.

One: In this place and in all places,

Many: God is with us.

One: In abundance and loss, in joy and grief,

Many: God is with us.

One: In turmoil and tranquility, as we work and while we rest,

Many: God is with us.

One: In the welcome of new friends and the shared mission of the wider church,

Many: God is with us.

One: Come, let us worship the God who goes before us and stays beside us.

Opening Prayer

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Joseph, both while privileged and imprisoned,

God of every disciple sent with the promise, "I am with you always":

We gather carrying all that we are —

our joys and our burdens, our hopes and our questions.

Be with us now, as you have always been with your people.

Open our hearts to your presence and our lives to your love.

During this shared time, may we be present to your spirit and each other. Amen.

Opening Song

God is Here! As Your People Meet

NCH 70

HEARING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 19-20

Special Music

Amazing Grace

arr. Sandra Eithun

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 39:1-23

Message for All

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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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Call to Prayer

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

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out** Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment
This hymn and its hymn writer Lina Sandell have a foundational place in the Swedish Covenant tradition — the former home of members and friends of Memorial who once worshipped with Arbor Covenant Church

Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here:
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
God whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what God deems best —
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Godself is near me
with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares God fain would bear, and cheer me,
God who's name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of God's child and treasure
is a charge that on God's care is laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
this the pledge to me God made.

Help me then in every tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord.
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a mother's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
till I reach the promised land.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. John Levitt

Worship Leaders: Linda Brant (Pianist), Betsy Robbins (Bell Choir Dir.), Pastor Kris Gorton, and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: John Koeppe and Sonjia Short

Usher: Haylie Schmit

Media Room: Jordan Baumgart

Fellowship: Karen and Michael Bryant

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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. Visit 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 Ulrika Swanson at ulrikaswanson@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 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.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP STAY FOR the POTLUCK & COVENANT

CONVERSATIONS with the WI CONFERENCE UCC. Conference leaders are connecting with local churches to listen to the many ways God is Still Speaking in southern Wisconsin. They have provided questions for us to think about prior to our gathering. Bring your ideas and creativity!

1. What couple of things have recently made your congregation come alive?
2. What do you see as your primary mission in your community? Is there a story you would like to share that illuminates this?
3. How are you as congregation and pastor caring for one another and showing support to one another?
4. What would a relationship of mutual support look like between your congregation and the wider Conference?
5. How are you engaged/connected with other congregations (UCC, ecumenical, interfaith) in your area?
6. What type of ministry resources would most benefit your congregation that our Conference might be able to provide going forward?
7. What ministry resources do you have that you would like to share with others?

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

*** October 4 - WORLD**

COMMUNION DAY & NEIGHBORS in NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ



that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries. You may [donate to NIN today by clicking here](https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/) or visiting <https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>.

Matt. 1:23; 2 Cor. 9:8; Rev. 4:8-11

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.



1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now: praise the One we
 2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the
 3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and



come be - fore now. Here with-in this tem - ple, here in sound and
 saints sur-round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -
 deeds pro-claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais-ing you in



si - lence, wor-ship God in deep-est rev - erence. You a - lone,
 cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear
 glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,

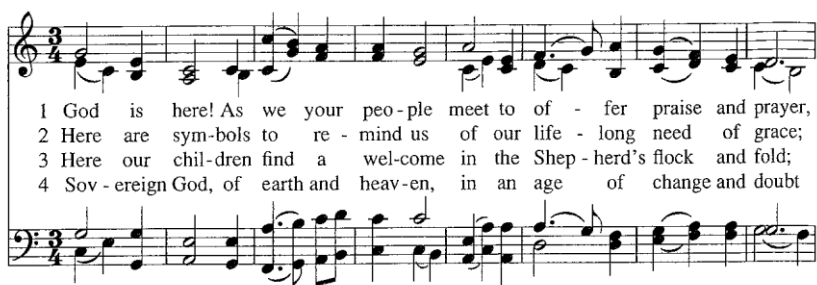


God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.
 to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
 great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

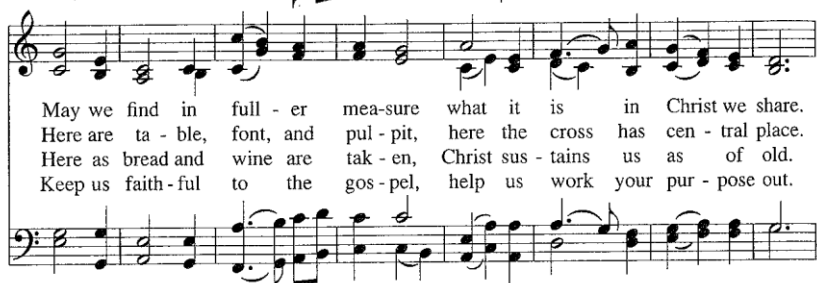


God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

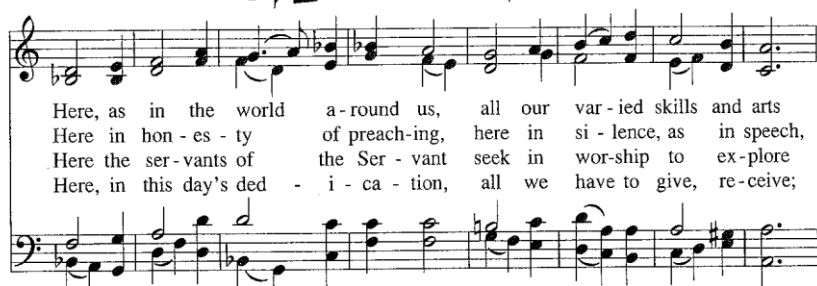
Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.



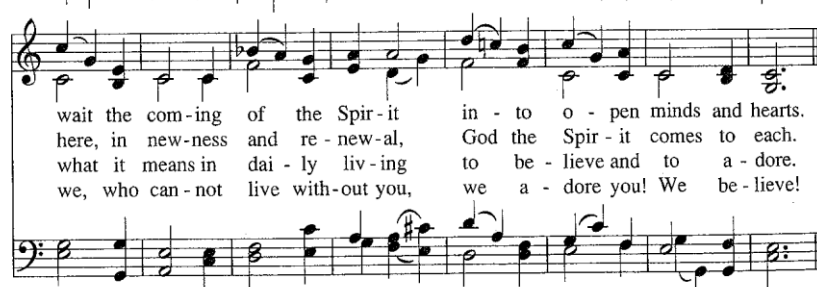
1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941