



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Celebration of Music!”**  
**20th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship  
and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

***Our Church’s Mission Statement***

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor  
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## Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text.*

### MOMENT FOR CENTERING

#### GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BELLS/CHIMES

##### INTROIT

“Morning Has Broken”

*(Sarah and Ellen Robinson)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this fall morning, with trees changed to bright yellows, oranges and red, let us lift up our praises to God!

**Many: Like the trees in their beautiful diversity, we come together, just as we are, to worship.**

One: Thankful that God knows our names and calls to each of us, let us sing out our praises.

**Many: We hear God call us and believe that we are known and loved for who we are.**

One: Trusting in our God of love and this community of grace, let us share this time of music with one another.

**Many: For many, music is the language of the soul, expressing feelings we have trouble putting into words.**

One: So let us sing and dance, play piano and organ, and listen with our hearts.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

#### OPENING HYMN #85

“I Woke Up This Morning”

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

#### COLLECT PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer.

**Many: God of the songbirds, Lord of the Dance, may the music of this service fill our hearts with encouragement and hope, so that we may start our week fully rested and able to better do your will. Amen.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ANTHEM

“Bound for Jubilee”

*(Brandon Frost and Friends)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:12-17 NRSV (pg. 79)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Will Be Here”  
(Judy Nielson )

PSALM

Psalms 96:1-13 NRSV (pg. 539)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Somebody Bigger Than You And I/Climb Ev'ry Mountain”  
(Arranged by Chuck A Byam Jr.)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34 NRSV (pg. 882)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Leadeth Me”  
(Judy Nielson)

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

SPECIAL MUSIC

“As the Deer”  
(Mary Lou Prevost and Linda Gooley)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sarah Robinson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)*

CLOSING HYMN #433

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

“In the Bulb there is a Flower”

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.  
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O’ Lord”  
(Kelly Stuible-Clark)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful  
In the Lord, I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

## POSTLUDE

## “What A Friend We Have in Jesus - Adaptation”

*(Arranged by Chuck Byam, Jr)*

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## SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** - Troy Arient

**Fresh Perspective** – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Stewardship Moment**- Sarah Robinson

**Virtual Coordinator** – Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** – Brandon Frost

**Organist** – Judy Nielson

**Pianist** - Chuck Byam

# I Woke Up This Morning

85

African-American traditional

*Leader (Unison)* *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on  
2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,  
Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

## **Exodus 33:12-17**

## **New Revised Standard Version**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to God, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> God said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

## **Psalms 96**

## **New Revised Standard Version**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless Their name; tell of Their salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare Their glory among the nations, Their marvelous works among all the peoples. <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; They are to be revered above all gods. <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before Them; strength and beauty are in Their sanctuary.  
<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples, ascribe to God glory and strength. <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to God the glory due Her name; bring an offering and come into Her courts. <sup>9</sup> Worship God in holy splendor; tremble before Her, all the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "God is our Ruler! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. She will judge the peoples with equity." <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

*(continued)*

<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy <sup>13</sup> before our God; for She is coming, for She is coming to judge the earth. She will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

## **Matthew 6:25-34**

## **New Revised Standard Version**

<sup>6:25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

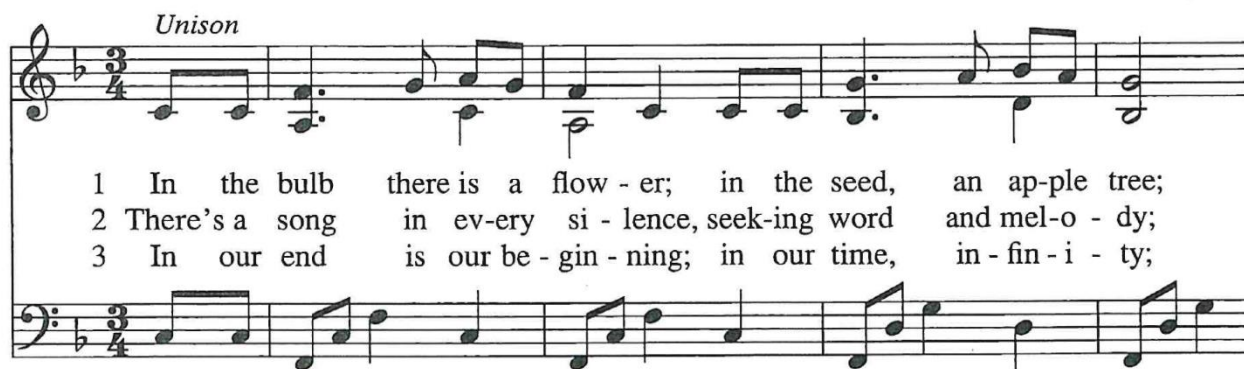
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- For information regarding the UCC’s response to the wildfires in the west, see:
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  - If you’re struggling to find hope amidst all of the troubles of our world right now, one source that maybe be helpful is this: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>



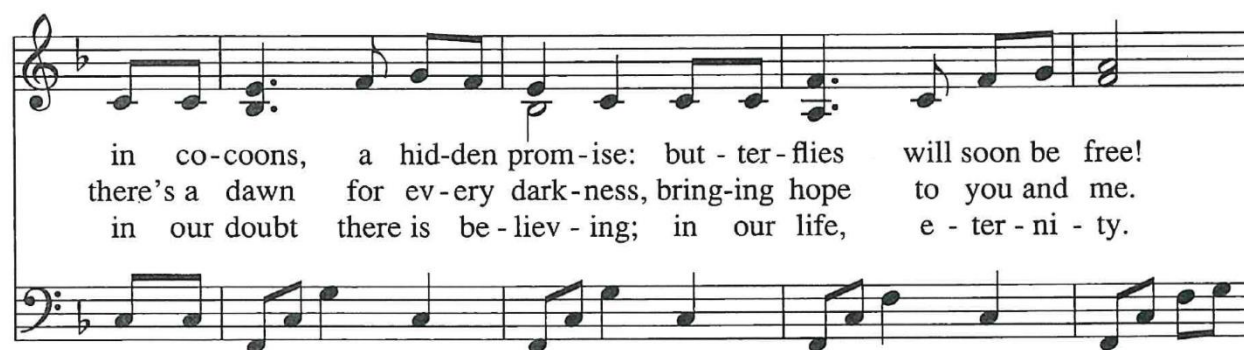
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Natalie Sleeth, 1985

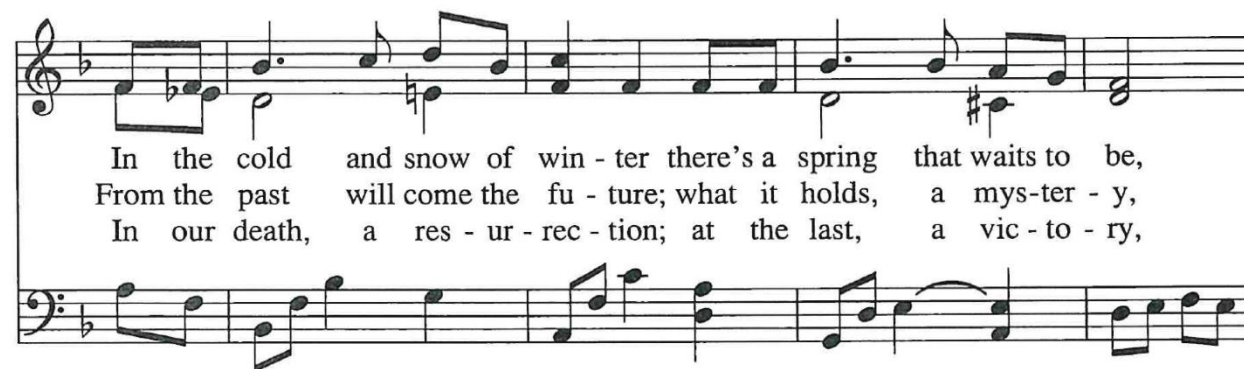
*Unison*



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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