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“The First Congregational United Church of
Christ of Eagle River, Wisconsin,
is an open community of faith,
welcoming any who wish to worship with us.”

The Lord's Day

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ

A Celebration of Thanksgiving

Seven-thirty and Ten O'clock in the Morning

The Worship of God

Gathering Music

The Greeting

The Spirit of the still-speaking God be with you.

And also with you.

The Welcome

The Music for Piano

Opening Prayer

Concerns of the Church

Opening Song: *Alleluia* Seven-thirty

Opening Hymn, No. 276 KREMSER, Ten o'clock

We Gather Together

The Witness from the Hebrew Bible JOEL 2:21-27

Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain, the vats will overflow with new

wine and oil. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

The Witness from the Gospels: MATTHEW 6: 25-33

“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? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 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? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Sermon

Music for Meditation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; They 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.

Invitation to the Offering of Gifts

Benediction and Carrying Out the Light

Closing Song: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
With every step I take, let this be my joyous creed.
To take each moment and
live each moment in peace, eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude

The Reverend Doctor Timothy W. Shirley

Musicians: Linda Brainard, 7:30; Lori Hunter, 10:00

Scripture Readers: Kay Scharpf, 7:30; Sandy Mettler, 10:00

Welcome to Worship at First Congregational UCC

Please continue to mask and practice social distancing in pews, and before and after worship, especially for those who are wearing masks. *Thank you for continuing to respect each other's comfort!*

Offering plates are located near the rear entrance to the sanctuary. Loose change placed in the offering plates is donated to the Melody of Compassion fund.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, December 4th, 9 to 11 a.m.
Assistants are needed and Refreshments
are needed.

If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheets on the back counter.

Please continue to send in/bring in your **membership form**. Need one? Pick one up from the back counter.

2022 Pledges are very important!

To date we have received 55 pledges totally \$125,914 toward our goal of \$155,000.

Prayer requests can be sent to the prayer group through Tobi Johannsen (920-450-1402).

You can sign up to be a scripture reader or usher at our website ---

*Go to: <https://eagleriverucc.org/signups/>
You can also contact Joy Turpin to sign up at her email address: joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com
or phone: (715) 479-6560.*