

About today's music...

The prelude today is comprised of three familiar hymns. The first selection is based on the hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise". The tune for this hymn was originally a Welsh ballad tune. The second selection is based on "Come, Thou Almighty King". The tune for this well-known hymn was composed by Felice de Giardini, a child prodigy who lived from 1716 - 1796. The final selection we know as the Doxology. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" is one of the best known melodies in all Christian musical traditions. The tune is usually attributed to the French composer Louis Bourgeois (c.1510 – c.1560).

Down to the River to Pray is believed by some researchers to have been written by an African-American slave. Its lyrics and title have changed over the years (Down to the Valley to Pray, The Good Ol' Way). Many believe it was a song written as instructions for escaped slaves to utilize the Underground Railroad, as walking in the water wouldn't allow dogs to track them. The starry crown refers to navigating by the stars, especially the Big Dipper. "Good Lord show me the way" asks for God's guidance in undertaking such a harrowing and dangerous journey.

Remind Me, Dear Lord was written by Dottie Rambo. Dottie grew up very poor in rural Kentucky, learned to play the guitar while listening to the Grand Ole Opry, and eventually formed a gospel group with her husband and daughter. This song was recorded by Dolly Parton, Alison Krauss, the Oak Ridge Boys and many other Country and Gospel artists.



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Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God,
to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

WORSHIP IN THE NAVE

August 12, 2018 - 9:00 am ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest this Sunday, we would love to meet you!

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee Fellowship following this service in the Friendship Lounge.

Are you new or returning to our church? ~ We'd love to meet you. If you are interested in sharing your contact information with us, please fill out a bright yellow card found in the racks of the pews. Then either give it to one of the ministers or drop it in the offertory plate. Thank you for joining us today!

Worship in the Nave ~ preview for August 19, 2018 / 9:00 AM

Rev. Bill Trump will deliver the message ~ Special Music by Marj & Dean Fowler
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

Care for Children - A supervised nursery is available for infants and toddlers during the 9:00 AM service.

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Founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, the Congregational Home, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/CEO - Kris Sprtel-NHA, Chaplain – Tesha Urban, Board Chair – Doug Jacobson

PRELUDE

A Trio of Praise
Rhonda Kwiecien - Keyboard Musician

arr. by John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND THE GREETING OF PEACE

Rev. Bill Trump

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us speak with our mouths.

People: We sing to express God's praise.

Leader: Let us open our ears.

People: We listen for God's word to us.

Leader: Let us open our eyes.

People: We open our eyes to see where God leads.

*HYMN #265

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, whom we have not seen yet whom we love; we turn to you in faith, seeking light and guidance for life's journey. Lift us up in the realization that you are able to forgive our sins. Enable us to take up our cross daily through strength from you, and to follow Christ in the path of service. Let the ministry of Your Holy Spirit guide and direct us in all we do. We offer our prayer in Jesus name. . .

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.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children ages 3 – entering 6th grade are invited to
One Room Sunday School in Room LL2.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John & Tracy Meser
Kurt Raddeman
Frank Sterbin

THE LESSON

Psalm 138 Bible, page 565
Children's Bible, page 867
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 Bible, page 1052
Children's Bible, page 1641

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray Spiritual
Scott DeKok - tenor

THE MESSAGE

"Time" Rev. Trump

*HYMN #448

How Shall I Serve You, Lord? ST. THOMAS

THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER and ORGAN RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Remind Me, Dear Lord by Dottie Rambo
Scott DeKok - tenor

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN #432 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Clay Christiansen

*Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Rod Schmidt in memory of his loving wife, Cathy, and the 28 years they were able to spend together.

About today's soloist: Scott DeKok is a tenor who has been singing in the Milwaukee area since his undergraduate days at UWM. He's appeared as a soloist with Bach Chamber Choir, the Milwaukee Mastersingers, the Grandsons of the Pioneers and with the infamous Pike Creek Blugrass Band. He has happily served as the tenor section leader with the FCC Choir for the last several years.

Caring Corner

We have not been made aware of any immediate concerns or needs of our congregation during the past week. Please let the church office know of births-anniversaries-weddings-engagements-illness or the passing of church members & loved ones so that we may include notices in future Caring Corners.