

The Woodcutter's Song
Text by John Bunyan (1628 - 1688)

He that is down need fear no fall;
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble, ever shall
Have God to be his Guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is,
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
African - American Spiritual arr. K. Lee Scott
Based on Matthew 25:1-13,
The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work's almost done.
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
For this work's almost done.
Christians, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Lo the morning soon is breaking,
For this work's almost done.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work's almost done.



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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 27, 2017 - 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.

Jim LaBelle is a graduate of Burlington (WI) High School and Luther College, Decorah, IA, where he majored in fine arts administration and vocal music performance. He sings with Bel Canto Chorus, Milwaukee Chamber Choir, and the Sweet Applewood Barbershop Quartet. Jim also sings with the Choir of First Church, rings with our Jubilation Ringers Bell Choir, and assists with the marketing of our 4 O'clocks Free Concert Series.

Are you new or returning to our church? 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 give it to one of the ministers or drop it in the offertory plate. Thank you for joining us today!

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

President/COO – Charles Nelson, R.N., M.S. Chaplain – Rev. Joseph Phillips, Board Chair – Doug Jacobson

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND THE GREETING OF PEACE

Rev. Barry W. Szymanski

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Tesha Urban

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

People: **Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord, for in all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: **But the way of the wicked will perish.**

~ adapted from Psalm 1

*HYMN 361

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have shown us your compassion and mercy. Hear us now as we come before you to sing our hymns of praise and thanksgiving to your holy Name. By the example and words of your prophets from of old, you have laid before us the way of justice and peace. For all the world’s wisdom, none can know you except by the leading of the Spirit. Fill us anew that we might witness your wonder and might to the ends of the earth. We know of people who are weary, and weak, and heavy laden with the weight of illness that destroys the body, the mind, and the soul. In their weariness help them. With your Holy Spirit and in the Name of the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Children ages 3 – entering 6th grade are invited to One Room Sunday School in Room LL2 during the remainder of the worship service.

THE LESSONS Acts 12:1-5 Bible, page 1004, Children’s Bible, page 1569
 Acts 12:20-23 Bible, page 1004, Children’s Bible, page 1570

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Woodcutter’s Song* R. Vaughan Williams
 (from The Pilgrim’s Progress)
Jim LaBelle - bass baritone

THE SERMON “Jesus, John, and the Herod Family” Rev. Szymanski

*HYMN 382 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN’ FESTE BURG

THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER and INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
 African American Spiritual arr. K. Lee Scott

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 307 *We Are Called*

*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Toccatà in d minor* Johann Jacob Froberger

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

CARE FOR CHILDREN - A supervised nursery is available for infants and toddlers during the 9:00 AM service.

Today’s Chancel Flowers are given by Russ Butenhoff & Pam Arney in memory of Pam’s mom & dad and Boot’s mom & dad.

Caring Corner

In Our Prayers
Jeff Daly and his sister, Nancy Newton, as they mourn the passing of their mother, Leneille Daly, who passed away on July 26, 2017. Services were held.

Cathy Denny and family, as they mourn the passing her brother, Dale Chrisien, who passed away on August 14, 2017. Services were held.

Recovering
Marilyn Auer – recovering at home.

Congratulations!
Ed and Pat Gibson, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2017.

Richard & Carolyn Jacobus, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 26, 2017.

Worship in the Nave ~ preview for September 3, 2017 / 9:00 AM (Summer Schedule)
Rev. Bill Trump will deliver the message.
Special Music by Marj & Dean Fowler with Rhonda Kwiecien & Marj at the keyboards.