



Times of refreshing shall come from
the presence of the Lord

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The Order of Worship
March 19, 2023

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

PRELUDE (Please allow the gift of music to help prepare you for worship.)

Trio Sonata V, second movement

J.S. Bach

Solemn Prelude

Louis Niedermeyer

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From the valley of unbelief and doubt we come to you.

People: Save us, O Lord, from our unbelief.

Pastor: From streets marked by difficulty and violence we come to you.

People: Save us, O Lord, from our own wrathful anger.

Pastor: From a world where death reigns we come to you.

People: Save us, O Lord, from the death that stalks us.

Pastor: From a place with no dream for the future we come to you.

People: Grant us a vision, O Lord, of what life can be like with you in it.

GATHERING SONG 261, vs. 1 and 2 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,

O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice. O praise him,

O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

REFLECTION

Change

***INVOCATION**

God of creation, God of light and life, God of mercy and compassion, God of hope and kindness, we call on you today to meet with us in this place. Embrace us in your love and allow us to see just a little of what you see. Grant us open ears and hearts to hear your word and obey.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN 56** "Beautiful Savior"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

These gifts we offer today are but tokens of our gratitude. They are reminders to us that you are Giver and Sustainer of all life. We ask that you receive these gifts as promises from us of a deeper commitment of our total selves. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This We Pray"

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Sara Lemen, soloist

Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13: 6-9

MESSAGE

"An Ordinary Day"

Rev. Gene Van Galder, preaching

***HYMN 37**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

Three-Fold Amen

FELLOWSHIP—Join us in the Narthex for a time to establish, renew, and strengthen friendships.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching	Rev. Gene Van Galder
Organist & Director of Music	Max Yount
Hymn Leader	Gloria Halvorsen
Soloist	Sara Lemen

Upcoming Church Events

March 12-April 9—Bible Study begins, before worship service, 8:45-9:30 am
March 19—St. Patrick’s Day meal following worship

Mission of the Month

This month’s mission will support the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The two countries were rocked by massive earthquakes in early February. The disaster has claimed the lives of more than 50,000 people. Millions more have been left homeless.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to grace the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Cost of the plants \$21. Please fill out the form below and return with payment to the offering plates, or mail to the church at 801 Bushnell St., Beloit, WI 53511.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How many lilies? _____ In Honor Of, or ___In Memory Of, whom?

