

# The Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

## Order Of Worship

July 31, 2016

10:30 a.m.

### We Gather in God's Name

Recalling the Presence of God

Prelude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

G.F. KAUFMANN

Words from the Parish

Time of Greeting

The Lord is with you...**And also with you.**

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears;  
who rescued us from sin's slavery:

**All: We are here to thank you**

Leader: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world,  
and building your kingdom in our midst:

**All: We are here because we trust you.**

Leader: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity,  
creates us to be one people:

**All: We are here to praise you.**

Leader: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

**All: We celebrate your grace.**

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Lord of abundance, you demand our life entire and whole. Lead us out from prisons of greed to a place of riches uncontained and always new; through Jesus Christ, our common wealth. Amen.**

\*Hymn #27

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Children's Sermon

## We Listen for God's Word

Reading of Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."  
<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."  
<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'  
<sup>18</sup>"Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup>This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Sermon

*Anxious for Enough*

The Rev. Richard D. King

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn #464

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

VIENNA

Time of Prayer

Sharing of Gifts & Musical Offering

*The Call*

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Brian Belin-Fouts, tenor

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

## We Go Into the World to Love and Serve

\*Hymn #443

*Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE FIRST

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Postludium*

J.A. KRYGELL



***We are a church that believes life is worth living, people are worth loving, and God is worth trusting.***

**We want to hear what you have to say:** When we did the church survey, there were many comments and concerns. We would like to have a time when you can join us and talk about what your expectations are for a new settled minister and where do you want that person to lead us. Our first get together is at **Tryon Estates on August 2, 10:30am**. Everyone is welcome. The second meeting will be in **the church parlor on August 9, 10am**. We are also setting up a place in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave messages if you can't make one of the meetings. -Your Search Committee

**YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Children and youth to lead the responsive Call to Worship on Sunday. Pastor Rick is looking for older children and youth to lead our responsive Call to Worship at the start of the 10:30am service on Sundays. The ideal candidate reads aloud well in front of groups, is comfortable doing it, and is committed to getting the text ahead of time and practicing. Please contact Pastor Rick directly at [uccminister@windstream.net](mailto:uccminister@windstream.net) or 828-859-9414.

**Stewardship Team Members:** Pastor Rick is looking to assemble a Stewardship Ministry team of 4-5 people, to plan and lead an exciting and successful fall pledge campaign as well as engage the congregation in year-round growth as stewards of God's good gifts! We will meet for the first time **on Monday, August 8**, at 6pm, for about 90 minutes. The members of the Interim Minister Selection Committee listed Stewardship as a major area of focus during the interim period. Come be a part of exciting growth in money available for our church's mission and ministry! For more information please contact Jaymee in the church office at [churchadmin@windstream.net](mailto:churchadmin@windstream.net), and Rick will call you to talk.

**Lydia Circle-** The Lydia Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 16th at 10:00 A.M.** in the church parking lot to ride on Doug Lyon's bus to historic Pendleton, South Carolina. They will have lunch at the famous 1826 on the Green (Farmer's Hall) to celebrate their 50th (Golden Anniversary) meeting. Pendleton is a historic town founded in 1779. 1826 is located on the original Town Square. The Lydia Circle will also be displaying the Little Dresses for African Girls project in the Fellowship Hall during August and serving refreshments during the Fellowship Hour following the Sunday Service. All women of the church are invited to go on this trip. Speak to Janet Joens, Carol Mann, Edna Boone or Suzy Basler if you would like to attend. The cost is \$5.00.

**New Book at WISE-** In September WISE will begin the book: Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living by Krista Tippett. The five topics on which she focuses in this book are: Words, Body, Love, Faith and Hope. WISE will not meet the first Monday in September because of Labor Day. The new book will begin instead on the third **Monday, September 19th**.

**Smith Family New Address:** Any and call mail intended for Lance and Heather Smith should be sent to their new address: **426 East Lake Avenue, Monticello, WI, 53570**