

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Mendoza

At First Church, we welcome theological diversity. Please feel free to substitute the liturgical language of your choice as you worship.

***OPENING HYMN**

#337 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

***PASSING THE WAVE OF PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Making it to the Finish Line

Martha Mendoza

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus
Kevin Loeper and Meg McGarry

Casting Crowns

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. John Gibbon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 21-28 (NRSV)

Barbara Coddling

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with

an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

Something New

Rev. John Gibbon

INVITATION TO GIVE

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Grant Well

Meg McGarry

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

#253 Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Please stand if you are able. Songs and prayers printed in **bold are to be recited out loud together. Please silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Minister:	Rev. John Gibbon
Director of Christian Education:	Martha Mendoza
Director of Music:	Jim Molina
Guitarist:	Dave Benziger
Hymn Vocalist:	Meg McGarry
Head Usher:	Don Haraf
Sunday School:	Olivia Scumaci and Martha Mendoza



Phyllis Crosley
Jan Russell
Angela Burrell

Janet Rowe
Mary Loss
Russ Laine

Louis Reed
Amy Lynch
Basia Rudy

To add or remove names from the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card in the foyer or email elmhurstucc@sbcglobal.net. Please note, names will be listed for two weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you!

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A Big Welcome to Rev. John Gibbon!

The Reverend John Gibbon is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and a retired army chaplain. His authorized standing is within the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference, UCC.

Ordained in 1984, John served two UCC congregations in Michigan and New York. During his military service he served with various units throughout the U.S., and in Australia, the Republic of Korea, Honduras, Italy, Kuwait, and Iraq. He retired from the army in 2011 after 29 years of active duty and reserve service. Pastorally, John provides pulpit supply in Illinois and Wisconsin. He also currently serves as the Moderator of Plymouth Congregational UCC in Burlington, WI.

John holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Heidelberg College, Ohio, an Ohio State Teacher's Certification from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Eden Theological Seminary, Missouri. He is also a graduate of the Army's Chaplain Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Staff Service School, and the Command and General Staff College. John is currently located in Burlington, Wisconsin where he resides with his rather sassy but friendly Airedale Terrier, Caley.

TODAY - De Colores Volunteer Orientation Meeting

All De Colores volunteers are invited to a De Colores volunteer orientation meeting immediately following the service today. We will be meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor.



Train and Reach the Goal! The children continue to enjoy their very own Olympic Games during our Summertime Sunday School. Learning from different Bible characters is showing us that the **ULTIMATE** goal of our lives should be to live a life that honors God.

The Forge Here We Come!

Our trip to The Forge for our high schoolers and young adults is happening on **Friday, July 23rd**. We still have a few tickets available. Please reach out to Martha Mendoza if you would like to attend.



Come to the Table: Sunday, August 1, 2021

Join us for an all church communion service on **Sunday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m.** Together let us take this moment to share our gratitude for each other, our church, our community and all our future holds. We have much to be thankful for.

The service will be filled with thoughtful prayers and beautiful music. After the service, a light meal along with special music will be a part of the festivities. We look forward to joining you...at the table.

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