

*First United Methodist Church*  
*April 24, 2022*



**“PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH”**

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES MUSIC TO PREPARE US FOR WORSHIP

Sue Koeppe, Musician

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### † SHARING OUR GATHERING WORDS

Barb Frey, Liturgist

Creator made all that is and proclaimed that 'it is good.'

**Creator, help us to discover in all You have made in Nature, the good wisdom about the interconnectedness of all things, about balance and about living in harmony.**

We are not above nature, we are part of Creation; we live by the same laws as all of nature and need to learn from what God has made.

**Creator, help us discover the power that lies in the wisdom and understanding of our role in the Great Mystery, and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.**

O, Great Creator God,  
**may our spirits be in harmony with Yours as we gather in Your worship!**

**OPENING SONG** “For the Beauty of the Earth” # 92

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

### PRAYING IN SONG

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” # 122

### TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 8 (NIV); Job 12: 7-10 (NIV) Barb Frey, Liturgist

**MESSAGE**

”Protecting Mother Earth”

Gerald Savage, Native American from the Ho-Chunk Tribe

**INVITATION TO GIVE  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **CLOSING SONG** “How Great Thou Art” # 77

† **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**MUSIC AFTER WORSHIP** Sue Koeppe, Musician

*(† denotes a time to stand as you are able)*

**Today’s Media Servants:**

Computer: Ken Nowak  
Sound Board: John Meyers  
Camera: PJ Olsen

**Downstairs Hospitality:**

George Dulian

**Flowers:**

Given by Katie and Kraig Duggan in honor of Marty  
Hinshelwood’s birthday

Given by Logan and Esther Sommer in honor of Esther’s 90<sup>th</sup>  
birthday

**Greeters:**

Front Linda Asta  
Side Jon Stewart

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**Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Cheri Stewart  
Office Manager: Erin Vandervelde  
Choir Director: Traci Leemhuis  
Musicians: Sue Koepp, Sarah Sharp  
Media: Debbie Dixon, PJ Fulkerson, Lorrie McCallister, John Meyers, Ken Nowak, Ann Russell, Jodi Spurling  
Prayer Chain: Joanne McCallister (815) 434-6944  
Hospitality: Lori Kline, Linda Asta

**Office Hours:**

MTF from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pastor Cheri's Office Hours**

MT from 9-11 a.m.  
Other times by appointment

**Week at a Glance:**

*Today* Worship 9  
*Tuesday 4/26* Fix It Squad 9-11,  
Choir Practice 6:30  
*Wednesday 4/27* Cake drop-off 9-8,  
Spaghetti Huddle 6:30  
*Thursday 4/28* Spaghetti Day!  
*Sunday 5/1* Worship 9

**Attendance Last Week:****Prayer Concerns:**

Our World Leaders  
Interim Bishop John Hopkins  
DS Supt. Brian Gilbert  
Pastor Cheri & Jon  
Pastor Seamus  
Marc Desranleau  
Jo Olsen  
Ottawa PADS Shelter  
Bill Clayton  
Debbie Dixon  
Beth Snyder  
Barb Frey  
Mark Nilles  
Fred Woltering  
Dylan Taylor  
Bang Wool  
Esther Sommer

Ina Raub  
Linda Krepps  
Roger Thomas, Jr.  
Danielle  
Art Mason  
Odin  
Ron A.  
Joy Clark  
Zander Houk  
Van and Mary Williams  
Nancy Leemhuis  
Muriel Desranleau  
Leah Dolder  
Logan Sommer  
Linda Zuhlke  
Nancy Stisser  
Jarrett Papineau  
Cole Stalker  
Kraig Duggan  
Marleen Tellefson

**Long-Term Prayers:**

Sheila Hynd  
Ken Geiger, Jr.  
Pat Acuff  
Korie  
Selena Meyers  
Judy Claus

**PVL:**

Maxine Twait  
Pat Wagner  
Joe Erickson

**Prayers for Our Service Men & Women:**

-Josh Papineau is in the U.S. Army stationed in Hawaii.  
-SFC Johnathan Oberholz is back home working.  
-PFC Timothy Lingle, U.S. Army stationed in Romania.  
-MMFN Nicholas Fletcher, US Navy on board the USS Washington.