

First Congregational Church of Georgetown



May 11, 2025

Our Church Mission Statement

“To nurture those in our own faith community and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”



We are an Open and Affirming
Congregation of the United
Church of Christ.

GATHERING MUSIC

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”

Rodgers & Hammerstein

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

“Lead Me, Lord”

Hand Chimes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: To all mothers and children,

All: Jesus said, “Come!”

One: To the motherless and the childless,

All: Jesus said, “Come!”

One: To all who long to be mothered,

All: Jesus said, “Come!”

One: We’ve come this morning to worship God with our hearts
and hands and voices.

All: And God welcomes us all. Indeed, God welcomes us all!

***OPENING SONG** Verses 1, 4, 5

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint

Conrad Kocher
adapted William Monk

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
For each per - fect gift of thine un - to us so
of the skies, for the love which from our birth
of the night, hill and vale, and tree, and flower,
mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, friends on earth, and friends a - bove,
free - ly given, grac - es, hu - man and di - vine,
o - ver and a - round us lies,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
link - ing sense to sound and sight, Lord of all to
for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words 1864 Music 1838 Adaptation 1861

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Loving God, the prophets have spoken of how you are a mother to us: giving us life, teaching us the way to go, correcting us when we are wrong, feeding and nurturing us with good things. We are grateful for all your mothering, not only of us, but of all your creation.

One: Let us continue our prayer in confidence using the words our Savior gave us.

All: Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE AND THOSE OF TODAY

MORNING MESSAGE

***RESPONSE** Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

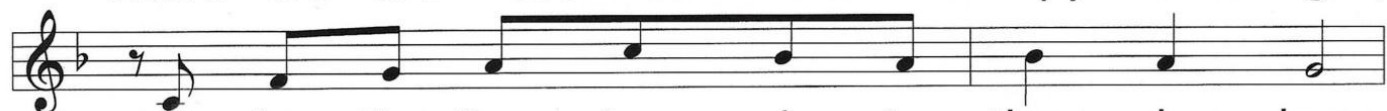
See How the Galaxies Are Always There

Jaroslav J. Vajda

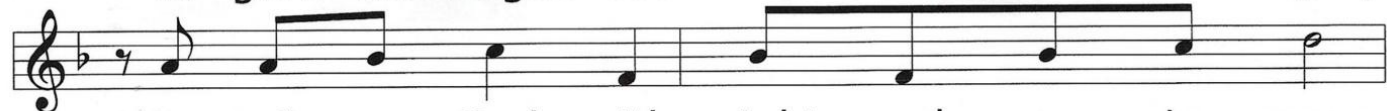
Margaret R. Tucker



See how the gal - ax - ies are al - ways there.
So we are made to oc - cu - py a place
Who were the stars God gave us in our youth,
Who are those loved ones al - ways at our side,
Here by our faith and hope and love we shine,
There we are set to oc - cu - py the height,



made by the One whose glo - ries they de - clare.
with - in a fir - ma - ment of time and space.
who led us to the Way, the Life the Truth?
who walk be - fore us, each a trust - ed guide,
re - veal - ing by our deeds a pow'r di - vine,
to glow the bright - est in the dark - est night,



signs of a God with might and care to spare:
each one en - light - ened with a spe - cial grace
Now when we show our chil - dren that same route,
who give us on - ly what true friends pro - vide,
one al - most hears God say - ing, "You are mine,
that man - y still may know the world's true light,



shine	like	those	stars!
to	shine	like	stars.
we	shine	like	stars.
who	shine	like	stars?
you	shine	like	stars!"
shine,	shine	like	stars!

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

Hand Chimes

***DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all creat-ures here be - low;
Praise God for all that love has done; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Eternal Parent,
over and over your grace sustains us,
over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us.
We give you these gifts with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

***CLOSING SONG**

I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

John Ylvisaker



I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
When you heard the won - der of the word I was there to cheer you
In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no long - er
I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are



old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to
on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing God, to
young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -
old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be - long. If you find some one to share your
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es
see your life un - fold.



child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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***FINAL BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

“May the Good Lord Bless & Keep You”

Willson

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Marie J. Lucca
Director of Music.....Robert Knapp
Organist.....Emily Knapp
Lay Worship Leader.....Kristen Arsenault

CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

MinistersThe Congregation
Pastor.....
Director of MusicRobert Knapp
Organist.....Emily Knapp
Office AdministratorJulie Bernier
Sexton.....Kimberlee Knapp
Moderator.....Rich Brock
Clerk.....Toni Cassidy
Finance..... Robert Knapp
Diaconate.....Rachel Angerhofer
Property.....JoAnne Kelly and Tom Johnson
Missions.....Rachel Angerhofer
Bookkeeper.....Rich Brock
Collector.....Robert Knapp
Member-at-Large.....Alecia Balduf

TO MAKE AN ELECTRONIC DONATION



CHURCH OFFICE

This Week's Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9 AM to 12 Noon

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & SERVICES

Sunday, May 11

12:00 PM – Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 PM – Finance Meeting

6:30 PM – Bells Rehearsal

7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 14

7:00 PM - Mission Team Meeting

Thursday, May 15

7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal

Saturday, May 17

5:00 PM – Movie Night

Sunday, May 18

10:30 AM – Worship Service, Rev. Richard Chrisman officiating

For those wishing to join us virtually:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84545128875>

Sunday, May 25, Memorial Day Commemoration

10:30 AM – Worship Service, Rev. Marie Lucca officiating

For those wishing to join us virtually:

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

WELCOME

If you are a visitor from “near or far” and would like to learn more about our congregation and its ministries, please speak with an usher or greeter. You may also sign the visitor card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Please also indicate whether you would like a call or visit from the pastor.

A COMMUNITY THAT AIMS FOR HOSPITALITY

We are delighted you have come to join us this Sunday. First Congregational Church is an “Open and Affirming” congregation of the United Church of Christ, which means that wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! We have large print bulletins, hearing assistance devices, wheelchair and elevator accessibility, and all-gender restrooms. We also serve gluten-free bread and grape juice during our communion services. While we strive to anticipate needs, please share any ideas you have for ways to expand our hospitality for all!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe that children help complete our worship experience. We encourage children to be an active part of worship; this is where they learn the most about the Christian family — by experiencing it! Encourage your child to sing along, clap, wiggle, offer prayer requests, and join in communion.

FLOWERS & STEEPLE LIGHTING

If you would like to contribute or make a monetary donation for altar flowers to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, or special occasion, please contact Nancy Aberman at 978-457-5924.

Contributions for lighting the church steeple can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to contribute or need more information, please contact Robert Knapp at 978-352-7489.

MEMORIAL FUND

A gift to the Church's Memorial Fund is a wonderful and meaningful way to pay tribute to family or friends who have gone before us. Gifts can be mailed or placed in the offering. Please be sure to note who is being honored.

SAVE THE DATE



**Strawberry Social & Band Concert
Tuesday, June 24th
6-8 PM**

“Enjoy the Beginning of Summer on our Church Lawn”

**Due to increases in prices for strawberries and supplies monetary donations
will be greatly appreciated.**

**Checks can be payable to First Congregational Church
and note it is for the Strawberry Social
or scan the QR code below.**

Raffle Items Needed

Any questions contact Emily Knapp, Janice Murphy or Kristen Arsenault

