



**June 26, 2022, 10 a.m.
A Celebration of the Ministry
of Reverend Robin Raudabaugh
with**

**Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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Welcome!

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey.

We offer worship via Facebook Live broadcasts every Sunday at 10am. You can be here in person or participate virtually during, or any time after the service. Every Sunday, the service is recorded and broadcast on Facebook. You can contact the church at any time. See office hours below.

Please SILENCE cell phones during the service.

The wi-fi password is: stillspeaking1203



VISION

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8, (NIV))

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Mission Statement



God calls us to minister to each other. This ministry goes beyond our congregation into the community, wider world, and to the earth itself. We seek to reach those in the margins of society, to empower the powerless, and to leave this earth a better place than when we each arrived

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WORDS OF CENTERING

Times of transition are strenuous, but I love them. They are an opportunity to purge, rethink priorities, and be intentional about new habits. We can make our new normal any way we want.

~Kristin Armstrong

WELCOME

If you are in-person, we invite you to fill out the friendship pad to let us know you are here.

If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to click a reaction button on Facebook to let us know you are with us.



is located in the Vestry. (the room off of the sanctuary)

Also, in the back of the sanctuary, is a table with items and bags for activities appropriate for the kids to work on and play with during the service. Children are welcome to sit at the table or bring the bag back to sit with parents.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 283 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord of F major (F, A, C), followed by quarter notes G, A, B, and C. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Bb/C, C7, and F. The musical notation includes a repeat sign at the end of the system.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system features a more melodic vocal line. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: Bb, F, G7, and C. The bass line continues with sustained chords and moving lines.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C7, and F. The system ends with a double bar line.

Marce Ediger:

CALL TO WORSHIP (PLEASE JOIN IN CALL AND RESPONSE)

One: Holy One of All That Is, we give you thanks that you are among us.

Many: We thank you for the gift of your creation; for the gift of friends and family;

One: For the gift of stories; for the gifts of learning and knowledge;

Many: For the gifts of question and doubt; for the fire of passion and enthusiasm; for the wind of reason.

One: For all we understand, for all that remains a mystery, for your loving presence in and through it all, we give you thanks.

HYMN 32 "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

John Olson:

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE & PEACE PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

In the same spirit in which we receive the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ, let us offer to one another our own sign of peace.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC Hesther Bowman, Gigi Nauer, Marilyn Olson

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Robin

Paula Foley:

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13: 3-9

NRSV

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as she sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

REFLECTION

Planting Seeds

HYMN 528 "Sois a Semilla" (You Are the Seed) vs. 1 & 3

Unison D A7 Bm D

1 Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -
 1 Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer sois es -
 1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
 1 You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the

G G6 A7 D A

tre - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois
 pi - ga que em - pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui - jón y ca -
 star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a
 wheat that will bear gold - en grain; You are a sting and a

Bm G D G6 A7 D

gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a - lum - brar.
 ri - cia a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.
 small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the night.
 soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.

Estrillo (Refrain) G A7

A D
 Id, a - mi - gas, por el mun - do, a - nun - cian - do el a -
 Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi re - su - rrec -
 Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to
 Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a -

mor, men - sa - je - ras de la vi - da,
ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;
all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,
rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,

de la paz y el per - dón. con u - ste - des es - toy.
e - ter - nal love. till the end of the world."

2 Sois u-na lla-ma
que ha de en-cen-der
res-plan-do-res de fe y ca-ri-dad.
Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var
al mun-do por sen-das de paz.
Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,
sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.
Sois rei-no nue-vo
que em-pie-za a en-gen-drar
jus-ticia, a-mor y ver-dad.
Estrillo

2 You are the flame that will bright-en
the way,
send-ing spar-kles of hope, faith,
and love;
you are the shep-herds
to lead the whole world
through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for my-self,
the word that I want to pro-claim.
You are the cit-y that's built on a rock
where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.
Refrain

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia
que vi-ne a tra-er,
sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.
La le-va-du-ra pe-que-ña de a-yer
fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.
U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,
ni los mon-tes se han de o-cul-tar,
en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,
el mun-do a Dios ha de ver.
Estrillo

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;
you're the waves in a tur-bu-lent sea;
yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-ning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a cit-y to hide,
nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;
may your good deeds
show a world in de-spair
a path that will lead all to God.
Refrain

LITURGY OF FAREWELL

Dave Foley:

Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go.

Babies are born.

Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another.

Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

Individuals move into our community and church life.

Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today, we share the time of farewell with Pastor Robin who is leaving.

REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNITION / GIVING AND SHARING SYMBOLS

ENDING AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

Marietta Saxon:

On February 11, 2016, this local church called Rev. Robin Raudabaugh to serve as Revitalizing Pastor, and on November 18, 2018, she was called as Pastor.

Pastor Robin:

I thank Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, its members, and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 6 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**PEOPLE: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.
We express our gratitude for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Pastor Robin: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE

Patti Kubicka: Do you, the members and friends of Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ release Rev. Robin Raudabaugh from the duties of Pastor.

People: We do, with the help of God.

Patti: Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Patti: Do you, Pastor Robin, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Robin: I do, with the help of God.

Patti: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Pastor Robin: I do, with the help of God.

WITNESS OF THE CONFERENCE

Rev. Cindy Mueller:

On behalf of the MN Conference of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release.

The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Union UCC Leaders: **Thanks be to God**

Marylyn Bowman: Let us pray.

People: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Marylyn: Go, surrounded by our love, and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OUR TIME OF SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT (let us pray together)

Our Creator 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE/RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY 108 SPP Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free



Send your Spir - it to set___ us free,___ send your



Spir - it to set___ us free.___ Fill our hearts and minds; loose the



chains that bind. Send your Spir - it to set___ us free.___

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (let us pray together)

God bless the many gifts offered that in this place and all the other places we may find ourselves, that shelter may be offered, that good food may be shared, that diversity may be celebrated, that listening and hearing one another's stories may be enjoyed, that hard times may be weathered, and always that rainbows might light our lives. Amen.

Hymn 423 "Great is Your Faithfulness" vs. 1 & 2

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all - of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

BENEDICTION

One: Like a rock,

Many: God is under our feet.

One: Like the sky above,

Many: God is over our heads.

One: Like the horizon,

Many: God is as far as we can see and beyond.

One: Like water in a pitcher,

Many: God is within us and in the pouring out of us.

One: Like a pebble in the sea,

Many: We are in God.

One: Let us go out and change the world,

Many: As God has changed our lives. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Elk River Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Pastor: *Rev. Robin Raudabaugh*

Deacon: *Joyce Hodge*

Office Administrator: *Giuliana Beckwith*

Greeter: *Nancy & Bob Hassett*

Senior Choir and Handbell Director:

Children's Time: *Pastor Robin*

Piano & Organ: *Carson Schneider*

Announcements

Office Hours

Office hours for the church are Sunday 9:00am to 1:00pm before and after worship, Monday/Wednesday 8:00am-1:00pm. Call the church at (763) 441-1203 during office hours if you have general questions. If you leave a message after hours, your call may not be returned until the office is open. If you need a pastor immediately, please contact Pastor Robin via the information below. The office email is churchoffice@elkriverucc.org.

Pastor Robin is generally in the office M, T, W mornings. If you would like to meet with her in person, it is a good idea to call ahead.

Pastoral Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, an accident, or a death, even while Pastor Robin is on vacation, please contact her directly via **text** at 651.216.9012, **phone** or **email** revrobin@elkriverucc.org. You may also contact the church office though the response may take longer.

Church Materials

Copies of the Sunday sermon and bulletin are available in person or via Facebook, our website, and the UCC Squared Newsletter (email).

KEPT IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers our congregation members: Nancy Hassett, Ella Rivers, Musz Bailey, Jim Babcock, Shelley Sherper, Bobbie Berg, Susan Olsen, Joanne Burdick, Ruby Cawthra, Jane Houlton, Marion Marcott, Cheryl Wold, Judy Halgren, Bailey Rosdahl, Jimmy Stevens, Dee & Jim Stevens (Jimmy's parents), Linda Fenton, Dave Halgren, Joan Axen, Marv and Nancy Andersen, Laurie Lazaretti, and Jim Kopperud.

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person
and live via Facebook
Celebration of Rev. Robin's Ministry
and Farewell Sunday
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

5:00 p.m. Congregational Life

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne
County Gov't center

Thursday, June 30, 2022

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Pastoral Relations

Friday, July 1, 2022

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service In-person
and live via Facebook
-Welcome Rev. Jeanne Bringgold-Pro
-Communion Sunday

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

3:30 p.m. SARI Vigil Sherburne
County Gov't center

Thursday, July 7, 2022

9:00 a.m. 4-H Club
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Council Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts