

March 13, 2022

## Notes from the Music Department

Thank you, Danika, for again leading us in song from the balcony. Our volunteer song leaders have been a valuable tool in regaining our congregational singing voice. If you have an interest in joining this group of volunteers, please let me know at [margaretjerz1@gmail.com](mailto:margaretjerz1@gmail.com).

Our hymns today, along with the Prelude's mashup of "**Peace is Flowing Like a River**" and "**It is Well With My Soul**," were selected for their reminder of the need for peace in our world. Written for "Missa Gaia," by Paul Winter, Kim Oler's "**For the Earth Forever Turning**" gently entices us into a consideration of beauty, hope, and aspiration. This, all in four short verses.

Many of us first sang "**Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield**" with either Pete Seeger or Peter, Paul and Mary when they used folk songs to help protest against the Vietnam war. Unfortunately, like all songs from the slavery era, we will never know who originally wrote it.

Composer Joyce Poley also wrote "**When Our Heart is in a Holy Place**," along with many others. "**One More Step**" has a sentiment that is good, righteous and motivating. It reminds us that "There can be no peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy for you also." (Frederick Buechner)

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### Music Making Opportunities

Our enthusiastic, vaccinated and masked UU Adult Choir meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 in our well ventilated atrium. An audition is not required - just bring your good ears and a desire to join us in joyous harmonies. Our next performance will be on March 20, the Vernal Equinox.

Join us at Drum Club where percussion technique building, drum games and adventures into more advanced playing happen each Monday evening from 7:00-8:00 at 1005 Steuben St. Wausau. There is no need to bring an instrument - the Drum Haven is full of authentic African and Caribbean drums and small percussion.

