

Welcome to Worship!

Peace With Justice Sunday



June 25, 2017

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

Today is Peace with Justice Sunday. Our special offering today goes to ministries within the United Methodist Church which reflect God's desire for justice, righteousness and peace. Half of the funds given through today's special offering goes to projects within the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is "Helping people 'Say Yes' to God." We try to live by the three simple rules of United Methodism: do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first-time guest, provide your contact information so we can let you know about our programs and activities. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to Fellowship Hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants through age five.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome to Peace with Justice Sunday

†Call to Worship

Psalm 86:1-5

God of Justice, You saw the Pharaoh mistreating the Israelites,
and You responded by calling Your servant Moses to lead them
out of bondage.

**Later, You sent prophets like Jeremiah, Amos, and Isaiah to stand
up for Your children who had been pushed to the margins of
society.**

Finally, Your son Jesus proclaimed He had come to bring
freedom to captives and liberty to the oppressed.

**Be with us in this hour of worship as we embrace our mission to
carry on in the struggle against the injustices that burden Your
people! Amen!**

†Hymn

*"For the Healing of the Nations"
The U.M. Hymnal #428*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message – Judy Ellington

Special Music

Chris Kuter

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 71:1-12
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 794

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 2:13-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

“In Christ There is No East or West”
The U.M. Hymnal #548

Sermon

*Sandy Gorsuch, Lay Speaker
Reedsburg United Methodist Church*

Offering

If you wish to donate to Peace With Justice Sunday, please use the special envelope provided in the bulletin. These envelopes may also be returned next Sunday.

†Offering Response

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
The U.M. Hymnal #95

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Loving God, are you looking for someone to fight for justice and make peace? I am here! Send me! Teach me to love everyone as much as you do. Amen.

Prayer for Immigrants

Our God, you have given us in your word
the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands—
Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses.

Help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, we speak of Christ.

In the One who had no place to lay his head,
and in the least of his brothers and sisters,
you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge.

We confess that we often turn away.

You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled
with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies.

You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures.

You have called us to be teachers of your word.
We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

After you share a joy or concern, you are invited to add "God of healing" or "God of celebration" or use other appropriate wording and then the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer!"

Spoken Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The U.M. Hymnal #895

Announcements

†Closing Hymn

"We'll All Understand It Better By and By"

The U.M. Hymnal #525

†Benediction

As we go from here back to where we live our everyday lives ...

Let us all share God's love!

God's handiwork comes in many different colors, sizes, shapes and cultures.

Let us all proclaim God's peace!

We lift our hearts to God's grace and our hands to God's service.

Now and with each new day, let us worship God in hope!

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Guest Lay Speaker Sandy Gorsuch
Liturgist Judy Ellington
Church Opener Karl & Jean Krueger
Greeters Gladys Orton
Usher Tim O'Keefe
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship Music Jerry Bullard

Thank you to Chris Kuter for providing today's special music!