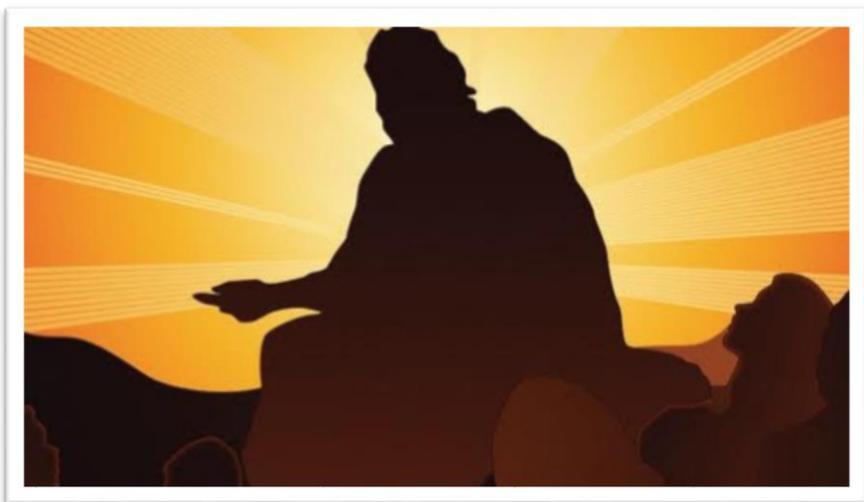


Welcome to Worship!

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost



July 9, 2017

Summer Worship Series “The Story-Tellin’ Man”

The world as we know it is different from the world as God intends it to be. Jesus came to close that gap: to usher in the kingdom of God. One tool he used was telling stories. This summer we’ll focus on some of the key stories Jesus told, along with some important stories about Jesus. As we listen to these Jesus stories, we learn how we can live his story, so that life in God’s reign can begin right now!



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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.

"Human beings live in story like fish live in water." Michael Williams

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship (Unison)

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the story:

God sent Jesus to heal our hurts, free us from sin, and lead us in the life God promises.

By God's grace, Jesus' story is told through us!

God, today we say 'yes' to you in our worship and praise!

†Hymn

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

The U.M. Hymnal #277

Verses 1 & 3

Opening Prayer of Confession (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

God, I confess my idolatry: the illusion of independence.

On this day I declare my dependence.

I am free. I am capable, and responsible;

but I am dependent.

**I am dependent on generations, on neighbors,
on peoples I can't know, in many lands,
on nations and their peace,
on the earth and its fruits, its bees,
its invisible currents.**

**I am utterly dependent on you,
your grace, your guidance, your sustenance.**

**I am not independent, even of my enemies.
May I be mindful of my oneness
with all my human family,
with this whole umbilical Creation,
with you, who are my only freedom,
my life and my being. Amen.**

Special Music "The Gift of Love" based on 1 Corinthians 13 (Hal Hopson)
Keri Olson, *Vocalist*

Song of Praise "Story-Tellin' Man"
**He was a story-tellin' man
He was a story-tellin' man
He came to bring good news to every land
He was a story-tellin' man.**

A Story for the Child in Each of Us

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Zechariah 9:9-12

Reading from the Christian Scripture Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sung Response to the Word "Seek Ye First"
The U.M. Hymnal #405, Verse 1

Sermon "Who is This Story-Tellin' Man?"

Offering  "We, Thy People Praise Thee"
Jerry Bullard, Organ

†Offering Response  "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
The U.M. Hymnal #89, Verse 1

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Dear Lord, may these gifts be used for the building up of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Use us as instruments of your peace and righteousness; in the name of Jesus, the humble Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion
(see insert)

Closing Prayer

Announcements

†Closing Hymn

*“I Love to Tell the Story”
The U.M. Hymnal #156
Verses 1 & 2*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor Marianne Cotter
Liturgist Richard Orton
Church Opener Alice Schellenberger
Greeters Evie Thompson
Usher Tim O’Keefe and Steve Beckett
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship Music Aimee Lutz

Thank you to Keri Olson and Jerry Bullard for providing today’s special music!



Jerry Bullard’s special music today is in honor of his and Pat’s 40th wedding anniversary. On this day in 1977, Pat and Jerry were married in Pasadena, CA. “It was 102 degrees that day (there was no AC in the church), but we got married anyway!” says Jerry. “Pat walked down the aisle to

‘We, Thy People Praise Thee’ and the congregation sang ‘Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.’”