

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost



July 16, 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.*

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*"Nothing done or suffered for love is ever wasted."*

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship (Unison)

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**So God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives as returning, wayward son,

**So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are  
received

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the  
name of Jesus Christ.**

†Welcoming One Another in the Name of Christ

*In Isaiah 43:1 God says "I have called you by name; you are mine." Please turn to the person behind you or in front of you, or across the aisle from you and greet them by name. If you are not acquainted, simply say "Hi! My names I \_\_\_\_\_" and allow them to do the same.*

†Hymn

“Hakuna Wakaita sa Jesu”  
(There’s No One in this World Like Jesus)  
*See insert*

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:  
inspire us to give with generosity, to love life so that we may find  
it again, and thus the world will be filled with the fragrance of your  
love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.**

Special Music

“Hidden with Christ” (Richard Bruxvoort Colligan)  
*The Band*

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

Isaiah 55:10-13

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sung Response to the Word

“Seek Ye First”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #405, Verse 1*

†Hymn

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #277  
Verses 1 & 2*

Sermon

“A Sower Went Out to Sow”

Offering

†Offering Response

“We Are an Offering” (Dwight Liles)

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering,  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, they are Yours,  
We are an offering, We are an offering.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

*Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7: God loves a cheerful giver, Eugene Peterson in his translation of the Bible says, "God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." Let's pray together:*

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion  
to give these gifts to you.**

**All we are and all we have are yours alone.**

**Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:  
use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

Prayer Hymn

*"More Like You"  
The Faith We Sing #2167*

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!"*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Announcements

†Closing Hymn

*"The Trees of the Field"  
The Faith We Sing #2279  
Verses 1 & 2*

†Benediction

†Postlude

*† = Please rise if you are able*

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**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor .....Marianne Cotter  
Liturgist .....Judy Kuse  
Church Opener .....Jim Cotter  
Greeter(s)..... TBA  
Usher(s).....Richard & Gladys Orton  
A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger  
Worship Music ..... Barb Kell

*Thank you to The Band for providing today's special music!*