

Welcome to Worship!

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 30, 2017

Parables of the Mustard Seed, Yeast, Pearl and Net

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.

"What if Jesus meant all the stuff he said?"

Shane Claiborne, Christian writer and activist

Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Music for Gathering

"Shall We Gather at the River"

The Cheddar Chicks

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Call to Worship

Your kingdom, our God, lies beyond compare,

Astounding as ever, and ever fresh.

The least in hiddenness becomes the full measure by your gift.

A hidden treasure, a searching merchant, a straining net, the gathering of good;

Such is your Kingdom,

Active in our midst for joy.

†Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

The U.M. Hymnal #405

Opening Prayer (spoken by Pastor)

Special Music

*“Kum Ba Yah”
The Cheddar Chicks*

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

A Story for the Child in Each of Us

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

*Psalm 63:1-8
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 788*

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn

*“Be Thou My Vision”
The U.M. Hymnal #451*

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God is Like...”

Offering

*“The Water is Wide”
The Cheddar Chicks*

†Offering Response

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”
The U.M. Hymnal #92
Verse 6*

**For thyself, best Gift Divine,
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.**

†Prayer of Dedication

Dear Lord God we thank you for stories of mustard seeds, the wonders of yeast, and the precious pearl. Use these gifts to plant your seeds of faith, hope and love in others, so your kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mission Moment

Annual Conference Report by Tim O'Keefe

Announcements

†Hymn

*"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"
The U.M. Hymnal #664*

†Benediction

Postlude (please be seated)

*"All Through the Night"
The Cheddar Chicks
(please be seated)*

†Music for Going Forth

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

PastorMarianne Cotter
Liturgist Mary Kryzjaniek
Church Opener Judy Ellington
Greeter(s).....Jean Krueger
Usher(s)..... Kandie Beckwith and Rajean Bender
A/V Powerpoint & BoothMike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship Music Kristin Warner

Thank you to The Cheddar Chicks for providing today's special music!

The Cheddar Chicks:

Gretchen Dresen, Janice Eckhart, Joan Fordham, Kathy Houzner and Carol Stich