

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 27, 2017

## *Who Do You Say That I Am?*

### **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.** "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first time guest, please provide your contact information so we can let you know about our ministries. 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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*Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'*

*Matthew 16:16*

Prelude - *The Band*

"Christ is God's Never Changing Yes"

Ring of the Bell / Welcome

†Affirmation of Faith "Christ Accompanies Us" (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

**We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life.**

In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us.

**He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace.**

We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

**We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.**

†Hymn – with *The Band*

“Honor and Praise”  
*The Faith We Sing #2018*

A Story for the Child in Each of Us

Special Music

*Memphis Robinson, vocalist*

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 51:1-3

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Sung Response to the Word

“Blessed Assurance”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #369 (Refrain only)*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

†Hymn

“The King of Glory Comes”  
*The Faith We Sing #2091*

Sermon

Offering

†Offering Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #95*

†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by Liturgist)

Call to Prayer

While we may yearn to be like Jesus,  
we know that we are too often like Peter.  
But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord,  
And express our need for your saving presence in our lives.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord we admit at times we don't live Christ-like lives. We hold in our hearts hate for certain people. We hate what you do not hate. There are times we despise ourselves and think we have no worth. Forgive us.**

**Lord, we confess our rage. At times we have touched others in**

**anger. We have failed to treat our sexuality (or that of others) as a sacred gift. We have ignored personal boundaries; taken what isn't ours. We have not always told the truth. Jesus, lead us in the path of righteousness. Help us not to give up in trying to follow you, you who are the way, the truth and the life. Amen.**

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

It is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

**In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Spoken Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

*The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Announcements

†Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

*The U.M. Hymnal #155*

*Verses 1 & 2*

†Benediction

†Postlude – *The Band*

*"Hakuna Wakaita su Jesus"*

† = *Please rise if you are able*

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### ***SERVING YOU TODAY...***

Pastor ..... Marianne Cotter  
Liturgist ..... Rajeane Bender  
Church Opener ..... Karl & Jean Krueger  
Greeter(s) ..... Gladys Orton  
Usher(s) ..... Gary & Jacki Crawford  
A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger  
Worship Music ..... Barb Kell

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